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## Rice Granary Plan Makes Progress

### Merchants Promise to Subscribe to Purchase Of Grain for Public

Mr. Yu Ya-ching's public rice granary plan is definitely taking shape as bankers, rice merchants and other public bodies have promised to buy the needed 200,000 bags of Saigon rice. The Public Rice Granary Management Committee, composed of nine persons connected with both official and business circles, has been formed and it has held its first meeting.

Under the committee, there are four divisions, each headed by a group of capable persons. They are the purchasing, custody, sale and transportation divisions. Messrs. Yu Ya-ching, Wang Yu-ching and Chen Tze-yi have been appointed to serve on the special committee of the purchasing division. Mr. Yulin Hsi, a member of the Shanghai Municipal Council and a well known Chinese accountant, has been appointed treasurer of the committee. A Chinese and a foreign accountant have been appointed as the committee's accountants.

It has been decided that those who have promised to buy the grain for the public granary must pay half of the money needed before January 15. The committee is still looking for a suitable person who will take charge of the granary itself.

Chinese reports still insist that the authorities have sent out representatives to investigate rice godowns in Shanghai with a view to discovering hoarders of rice. It is also reported by the "Chinese American Daily News" that registration of goods destined for godowns will soon be started. By means of registration the names of owners of rice, date of entering godowns, and prices quoted at places of production will be made known. There will be a time-limit for the godowns to clear the goods. If these measures are faithfully carried out, merchants can no longer manipulate in the market by hoarding commodities.

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ARRIVAL OF 1,500 BALES OF RICE FOR JAPANESE RESIDENTS

Through the good offices of the Japanese military authorities, 1,500 bags of rice (one bag contains 100 kilograms of rice) have been imported for the first time to mitigate the rice shortage of all Japanese residents. The Japanese Residents' Corporation has decided to supply the local Japanese in general with the rice at the lowest possible price through the Shanghai Grain Merchants' Guild from January 8 at the latest. The rice can be bought at retail-shops as heretofore. Referring to the result of this first trial, the authorities concerned will devise the best method of supplying the Japanese with rice.

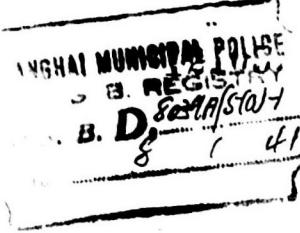
CHEAP SALE OF SAIGON RICE TO REFUGEES UNTIL CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY

A cheap sale of Saigon broken rice (2 catties of this broken rice cost \$1) will be made to Chinese refugees through 60 rice-dealers from January 7 until lunar New Year's Day.

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## CHEAP RICE SUPPLY FOR JAPANESE

Arrangements Are Made  
To Distribute 1,500  
Bags In Hongkew

Not only are Chinese in Shanghai affected by the prevailing high price for rice but Japanese residents are likewise greatly concerned and have for some time studied various measures to alleviate the uneasiness in Japanese kitchens, the Japanese daily, Shanghai "Mainichi" reported last evening. The daily said that the problem would be alleviated shortly when the first trial lot of 1,500 bags of high grade rice would be distributed at a reasonable price and repeated at frequent intervals. The existing abnormal price of rice and foodstuffs in Shanghai constitutes a grave social problem along 80,000 local Japanese and it cannot be overlooked, the newspaper declared. Since last year the Shanghai Residents' Corporation has been in negotiation with Japanese military authorities concerned for supplies of cheaper or reasonably priced rice of high quality.

The Residents' Corporation yesterday obtained an initial trial lot of 1,500 bags or 150,000 kilograms of rice and is preparing to consign it to local Japanese Rice and Cereals Merchants' Guilds to be distributed among Japanese residents at a fixed price, which, the paper said, would be close to the wholesale price.

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## Food Co-operative Body Formed Here

### Small Quantities of Rice May be Ordered

The Shanghai Foodstuffs Co-operative Society, a new organization started by some well-to-do Chinese, has placed an order for 500 bags of Saigon rice and the grain is expected to arrive here by the middle of this month. The society welcomes any residents to register for buying, even between one and five bags of rice.

The society has two kinds of members, the ordinary and permanent. The sole purpose of this new organization is to enable ordinary people to buy rice directly from the place of production by registering with the society and by depositing only part of the money required before the rice arrives.

All freight, godown, insurance and other charges or fees are to be borne by those who have placed orders with the society, collectively and proportionately. The first consignment of 500 bags of Saigon rice ordered by the society will be distributed to permanent members who pay membership fees.

This new co-operative movement is different from the collective purchasing movement started some time ago for buying rice, because promoters of the latter movement received orders from big firms and factories, each requiring at least 50 bags of rice. Now even salaried individuals may buy smaller quantities of Saigon rice through the new society without the help of middlemen or rice merchants.

Rice will be sent in  
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## RICE CO-OPERATIVE IS FORMED HERE

### Aims To Assist Middle Classes By Buying Rice Directly

In order to protect the lower classes of Shanghai from manipulations of rice merchants philanthropists in the city have organized a Rice Consumption Co-operative to undertake small purchases of foreign rice direct from the countries of origin.

Selling a bag at approximately \$100 the Co-operative asks for a \$25 deposit on all small-scale purchases the remaining part of the payment being required as soon as the staple product arrives in the city. This novel way of purchasing rice is expected by local merchants to assist small purchasers inasmuch as they will be spared the necessity of paying higher prices for rice when buying from dealers who, apart from their profit on every bag of rice, also charge commission fees.

Bankers in the city, it is learnt, have been approached by the new Co-operative with requests to help finance purchases of Saigon and Rangoon stocks as deposits required from consumers are insufficient to cover those required in Saigon and Rangoon.

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## Control Exercised in Rice Market

### Attempt to Curb Outside Speculators

Middlemen, who have been blamed by the Chinese press for the recent increases in the prices of rice, were not allowed by the authorities to enter the Shanghai Rice Market yesterday and a most unusual situation was created since there were no sellers operating. The middlemen, it was learned, did some business secretly outside the Shanghai Rice Market where more policemen were assigned to watch for activities of manipulators. Those who entered the market were registered.

The market was crowded with buyers but little, if any, rice was offered for sale. Very few people did business according to officially fixed prices because while buyers thought that the official prices were still too high, sellers hesitated to sell, still trying to wait for high prices. Informed Chinese circles believe that such a situation should be the source of grave concern to the authorities. The situation indicates that hoarding is still being practised and it is believed by the same circles that unless the authorities take drastic measures only little improvement can be expected.

Price of 14 kinds of foreign rice fixed with official permission and ranging between \$75 and \$104 per picul were officially announced in the market and no one was allowed to sell his grain beyond the official level.

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Price Drop Due

## Indo-China Lifts Ban On Rice Export

The official ban on the exportation of first-grade rice issued nearly a month ago by the French Indo-China government has been lifted, and 80,000 bags of the grain are now en route to Shanghai, trading circles here reported yesterday.

Lifting of the ban was expected to have a favorable effect here when the rice market resumes operation tomorrow in view of the fact that the ban was one of the immediate causes which considerably boosted rice prices here early this month.

The reports also stated that large quantities of the rice had been stored up in Indo-China ports, particularly Saigon, waiting to be transported to Shanghai. Large importers here were said in the process of chartering immediately available bottoms to transport the rice here.

Meanwhile, further efforts were made in Shanghai to steady rice prices. The Market Control Committee, at a meeting on Christmas Eve, adopted new regulations to curb price manipulation by profiteers and speculators at trading sessions.

One of the regulations adopted at the committee meeting provides that effective immediately only bona fide traders will be admitted into the market, the contention being "that non-members of the local rice guild are largely responsible for "unlawful trading."

Preparations were being completed by the Cheap Sale Committee to launch sale of broken rice next week. Funds are still being solicited to support the sale.

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Afternoon Translation

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RICE MART NOTICES DEALERS ABOUT THE STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF NEW RICE PRICE LIMIT

Of late, owing to the drop in the exchange rates, the price of foodstuffs in this city has been increasing. Some traitorous rice merchants have been very active in the rice mart and are secretly effecting private transactions.

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In the meantime, the S.M.C. has detailed many policemen on duty at the mart for the purpose of supervising the transactions. If any one wants to sell Siamese rice in the mart, he must first register it at the Control Department of the mart, otherwise he is not allowed to sell it in the mart. If any one is found dealing in private transactions or speculation on rice, he will be arrested and punished.

An investigation made by a reporter at the rice mart revealed that at 7 a.m. yesterday the policemen on duty at the rice mart strictly forbade rice dealers to enter the mart with the exception of those who possessed entrance passes or documents of the rice importation companies.

At the present time, the Bean and Rice Trade Guild together with the Provision Trade Dealers, Lien-Nyi Society sent out notifications advising their members not to enter the mart for the time being and to wait for a strong protest by the society.

After the strict enforcement of the limit, the rice mart has appeared to be more or less private transactions disappeared. More samples of middle and low grade foreign rice were offered in the mart while a large number of hoarders are still taking the attitude of bystanders.

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Cheng Yien Pao (Editorial) :-

### THE STABILIZATION OF THE RICE MARKET AND PRICES OF COMMODITIES

As the question of the foodstuffs of the people in Shanghai is under the control of the traitorous merchants, the burden of living has become unbearable to the general public. Though the various circles have tried to remedy the situation, there were few practical effective measures as the ordering of foreign rice had to go through the hands of the unscrupulous merchants while the pressure of the limitation of prices was not so strong as that of the hoarders. When all their tricks were exposed by others, those people who had carried out manipulation by taking advantage of the situation were so bold that they even admitted that without large profits nobody will offer supplies. Hence, the price of rice has been undeniably increasing and was also followed in increase by all daily necessities.

Of late, the authorities in the International Settlement have accepted suggestions by certain quarters and invited the various trades to discuss the establishment of granaries so as to accumulate provisions for public sales in an attempt to stabilize the price of rice. When such measures are put into enforcement, the hoarders and unscrupulous merchants will no longer be able to carry on their control; though the price of rice may not suddenly drop, it is probable that the gloomy atmosphere in the market will be gradually cleared up.

Taking advantage of the time when the country is engaged in a war of resistance, the traitorous merchants are sucking the "fat and blood" of their own fellow countrymen. They are also disturbing the social order and harming the economy of the country. A sentence to death is not punishment severe enough for them. Now, the inner districts of China have also been affected by them. Many traitorous merchants have engaged in hoarding. The sharp increase in the price of rice greatly concerns the general situation. Recently, strict suppression of hoarding has been put into force in Chungking. Yang Chuen-ya (楊潤雅), an ex-Mayor of Chengtu, was executed and other speculative traitorous merchants were punished. As a result of this, the price of rice in Chungking has at once become stabilized and hoarders of other commodities were so greatly alarmed that they immediately sold out their goods.

After the Chinese troops recaptured Nanning and smashed the Japanese winter offensive to atoms, news from quarters concerned revealed that during this period the Chinese Government would, whilst waiting the arrival of large quantities of arms, endeavour to deal with the question of the prices of commodities. As a result of the present adjustment on a large scale of conditions in the rear by the authorities, the camp of the war of resistance has become firmer. It is presumed that the time to break down the Japanese attempt to "freeze" her war of aggression in China will not be far away.

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National Herald (comment)

JAPAN IS BEING ENVELOPED

The diplomatic policies adopted by Japan in her relations with foreign nations are intended to prevent Britain and America from coming into close contact with Soviet Russia. This is the reason why at some times Japan assumes an anti-Soviet Russian attitude with the intention of currying favour with Britain and America, while at other times she harps on a pro-Soviet Russia tune in order to intimidate Britain and America. Such tricks are merely aimed to make use of the strained relations between Soviet Russia, on one side, and Britain and America on the other to fulfil her ambitions of establishing her hegemony in the Orient. However, it has transpired to Japan's surprise that Britain and America have already had a clear insight into Japan's ambitions, while Soviet Russia has also realized that there will be no justice in the world if Japan succeeds in accomplishing her continental policy.

Before the signing of the Tripartite Alliance, Britain still thought to oppose Japan, but she dropped the idea and adopted a firm stand similar to that of Soviet Russia and America when Japan took the side of Germany and Italy. On the other hand, the U.S.-Soviet relations have recently shown great improvement as evidence the creation of an American Consulate at Vladivostock. This has not

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## RICE PRICE FIXING BODY HOLDS MEET

### Plans Made To Impose New Restrictions On Rice Trade

In another effort to put a stop to profiteering in the Shanghai rice market, the Rice Price Fixing Committee held an extraordinary meeting at 11 a.m. yesterday when plans were made to impose further restrictions on rice trading.

The Committee headed by Mr. Cheng Tze-yih, well-known local businessman, yesterday passed a resolution to fix prices of five new varieties of the staple product. Deciding to leave the present maximum price of Saigon first and second grades at \$87 and \$81.50 respectively, the Committee announced new prices for Siam first grade at \$89, Tonking at \$79 and mixed low grade at \$76, to be enforced as from December 26.

Another decision reached was the banning of all rice brokers and commission agents from the Market, entry to which will be reserved only to owners of licensed rice hongs.

Meanwhile, the rice market remained very quiet yesterday, with no changes of prices reported. Native first grade rice, however, was still not quoted, as merchants were still unwilling to part with their stocks unless at a higher price than that prevailing.

The Indo-China Government, it was learnt yesterday, intends to curb all manipulations of rice exported from the French colony and has prohibited the substitution of first grade Saigon rice, which was banned from export by the second grade staple product of Indo-China.

However, to improve the local rice situation, the Government of Indo-China has placed no restriction on exports of 100,000 bags of rice to Shanghai during the month of January.

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## Substitution of Saigon Rice Forbidden

### Minimum of 100,000 Bags To Be Imported Here

The Rice Sub-Committee of the French Municipality issued a communique yesterday afternoon in which they stated that the Governor-General of Indo-China had forbidden any substitution in the quality of Saigon rice, in order to maintain an efficient control of the rice market.

It was also stated that a minimum of 100,000 bags of Saigon rice will be imported to Shanghai during January to keep the stocks on the same level. Taking into consideration the stocks already here and the quantities to be received here before February 1, the prospects for this winter are reassuring.

The same regulations will apply for February and there is every probability that Shanghai will not suffer from lack of rice stocks for many months to come.

## Huge Shipment From Saigon To Arrive Here

In order to maintain an orderly rice market in Saigon the authorities in French Indo-China have decreed that no substitution of lower qualities for higher qualities would be allowed in contracts for future delivery. Cargoes of first-grade Saigon rice, therefore, the export of which was prohibited in December, cannot be replaced with cargoes of second-grade qualities but will be delivered in February.

Informed circles expect that 100,000 bags at least will be released for the transportation to Shanghai in order to keep stocks here at a normal level.

If one takes into consideration the quantities of rice already stocked in Shanghai and the expected arrivals during January from Saigon and other ports, the prospects are very reassuring.

Export restrictions concerning Saigon rice will be cancelled in February, it is expected. These restrictions were entirely due to a depletion of stocks, it was learned. Barring unforeseen events, therefore, there will be no shortage of rice in Shanghai.

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## Financial Rumours Disturb Market

### Rice Prices Raised on Foreign Exchange Reports

The reported intention of Nanking to issue new bank notes, the rumour that Chungking will change its official rate of the foreign exchange, which has been denied, and the resultant increase of the price of the gold bar, has been followed by a general upward trend in the important commodity market in Shanghai. While the Chinese press gave prominence to a Chungking report that a former Chengtu mayor was shot for hoarding foodstuffs, Shanghai rice merchants met yesterday and decided to increase prices of Saigon rice to a higher level than the one fixed at a recent meeting in the presence of municipal authorities.

The merchants who form the Shanghai Rice Price Fixing Committee decided to fix the first grade Saigon rice at \$89 per picul, while the price of even the first and second grade broken Saigon rice was fixed at \$76. These decisions will be referred to official quarters but the trend of the story is that prices are being increased and not decreased. Reports indicate that the reason is that the increases were preceded by the stringency prevailing during the past few days in the foreign exchange market, but informed Chinese circles are sceptical since prices are being increased for selling rice already stored in Shanghai godowns.

Following the high price of gold bars which once jumped beyond the \$6,600 mark (for a 10-ounce bar) as compared with the Saturday figure of \$6,300, the price of cotton also jumped, and reports yesterday indicated that it once reached \$1,375 per bale, showing an increase of more than \$40. Prices of bean oil and yellow beans have also been increased during the past few days.

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# Mayor Chen Promises to Send 14,000 Piculs of Rice Here

Agrees to Negotiate with Japanese to Relieve  
Suffering with Native Rice Monthly Shipment

**M**AJOR Chen Kung-po of the Shanghai Special Municipality promised yesterday to negotiate with the Japanese authorities for allowing 14,000 piculs of native rice to be transported each month to Shanghai from the occupied interior and to have the joint police bureau in the western district established early next spring, the draft agreement on this question having finally been referred to him for the new Nanking regime's approval.

These promises were made during a reception given by the Mayor in honour of foreign newspapermen yesterday afternoon at his office in the Civic Centre at Kiangwan. During his first interview granted to the foreign press here the Mayor answered questions concerning the two most important problems confronting all people here but he said that he was aware of the fact that the rice question did not affect Shanghai alone but also the occupied areas.

"I assume full responsibility for having 14,000 piculs of native rice sent to Shanghai monthly for which negotiations have been going on," Mayor Chen said "but the same question affects also other Lower Yangtze districts." Asserting that he would be mainly concerned with the Shanghai situation, he hinted that Nanking would tackle the problem in an all-round manner and refused to discuss details when questioned regarding transportation difficulties between Shanghai and occupied areas as a whole, including exorbitant taxation. His government emphasized action and not words, he said.

#### Aware of Hoarding

While discussing the rice situation, Mayor Chen pointed out however, that south China and Shanghai had never depended on native rice alone. He said that as a matter of fact China used to import 16,000,000 piculs of foreign rice monthly and that 80 per cent of this foreign grain went to feed the people in south China in general and those in Kwangtung in particular. Twenty per cent of the grain came to Shanghai as the pivot of transportation to other parts of the country. Mayor Chen was aware of the hoarding of rice in the Settlement and expressed the hope that the Settlement authorities would cooperate with him in settling the problem.

Turning to the question of the extra-Settlement roads in the western district, Mayor Chen said that a draft agreement had already been reached on the question of organizing a joint police bureau in the area. He was studying the agreement before it could be referred to Nanking for final approval. The question would be settled early next spring and he was of the opinion that it should not take more than a month to establish such an office. He hinted that the revenue question in the district was a separate issue, explaining that the whole establishment should be under this city government.

"Revenues in the district will be collected by our Bureau of Finance officials who will have a branch office in the district and the money will be used for the development of the area. If the fund is not enough to cover reconstruction projects in the district, the Shanghai Special Municipality will subsidize the branch office. If the revenue money is

more than enough, then it will be used for further improvements in the district." This was the explanation given by the Mayor concerning the financial question in the area, which has been the chief bone of contention.

#### "Politics Left Aside"

Although most of the Powers interested in the Settlement affairs have not recognized his government, Mayor Chen does not see any reason why they should not cooperate in settling administrative questions to the advantage of all. Politics could be left aside, he said. Recalling his past experiences, Mayor Chen said that as the virtual chief executive and foreign affairs commissioner in Hankow when the National Government was established there during the Northern Expedition, he successfully carried out negotiations with representatives of foreign countries despite the fact that there was no official recognition of the then Chinese regime.

Mayor Chen was not aware of the report notice seen in the western district that license tax would be collected from rickshaws bearing Settlement license plates. He promised to investigate the matter. He said that all petty disputes arising from the present unsettled condition in the area would be discussed with Settlement authorities at meetings to be held later. He has already called on Mr. W. J. Keswick, chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council at the latter's shipping firm office. He has also seen Mr. G. G. Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner General of the Council.

## CHRISTMAS RICE STALLS

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**A**T this time of kind remembrance and good wishes, we wish to remember and feed His poverty-stricken lambs by operating

### FREE RICE STALLS IN YANGTZEPOO DISTRICT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This Yangtzeppo District, though it is but one of many poverty-stricken localities in Shanghai, those Chinese living in this district are not "idle poor," they are the honest and hard working labour class—they are hungry and cold, but not entirely through their own fault.

The members of this Society are prepared to give all they can. But we shudder when we think that what we have may not be enough to meet the need of all the hungry expectant faces on Christmas Day, and

**IT IS HOPED THAT A KIND REMEMBRANCE FROM YOU MAY MAKE THEIR RICE BOWLS FULLER AND WARMER**

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Shun Pao, Chinese-American Daily News, Sin Wan Pao, Cheng Yien Pao and National Herald of December 17 :-

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### TRADE GUILDS AND THE RICE PROBLEM

At 3 p.m. December 16 a meeting was held by the Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Shanghai Municipality Bean and Rice Trade Guild and the Provisions and Cake Trade Guild, at which the following resolutions were discussed and passed:-

(1) That, in view of the fact that transactions conducted at the rice mart are mostly handled by brokers, members of the Rice Mart Control Committee be asked to make strict enquiries into such dealings; that in case the Rice Brokers' Lien-Nyi Society fail to report any cases of private transactions actually taking place, all brokers who are members of the Society be denied access to the rice mart; that any member of the two Guilds who is found taking part in such transactions be likewise denied access to the rice mart in addition to cancellation of their membership and the authorities being requested to take action; that all the foregoing measures be strictly enforced so as to facilitate the stabilization of the rice market and the preservation of the fixed price of rice as well as the prevention of private transactions.

(2) That a letter be sent to the French Consul-General asking him to send a telegram to the Indo-Chinese authorities requesting them to permit the exportation of first grade Saigon rice ordered by rice dealers in Shanghai.

(3) That the proposal for the establishment of a granary for the storage of rice be supported.

A Granary Establishment Committee has been formed and more than 20 persons were elected members of the Committee at the meeting.

A meeting was also held by the Rice Brokers' Lien-Nyi Society on the afternoon of December 16 at which it was resolved that commencing from date members of the Society handling rice transactions at the market should observe existing regulations and refrain from doing anything contrary to these regulations.

Several groups have been formed to supervise the activities of brokers at the rice mart. Whoever is found acting as an intermediary in rice transactions in a manner contrary to the regulations will be fined.

Shun Pao, Sin Wan Pao, National Herald, Cheng Yien Pao and Chinese-American Daily News :-

### Chinese Rice Quoted At \$100 A Picul

A limit having been placed on the price of foreign rice, stock owners cannot now raise prices as they like. However, they are selling rice of inferior quality at the highest price. The price of broken rice rose as high as \$80, whilst the best quality Chinese rice was sold at \$100 per "zhar" yesterday.

### Two Resolutions Reached by Market Controlling Committee

A meeting of the Market Controlling Committee of the Rice Hong Owners' Guild was held in the Tsing Lien Koh Teashop at noon yesterday. All members were present,

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It is only by means of a national emancipation movement that Annam can liberate herself. No matter how the situation in the South Pacific may change, if the Annamite people want emancipation, they must start a national emancipation movement with their own strength. The Annamite people should learn how to make use of the present situation.

Kuo Min Daily News, Central China Daily News, New China Daily News, Bing Pao (Nanking telegram) :-

CHINA GREAT PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION TO BE DISSOLVED

With a view to supporting the policy of the supreme leader and in order to accelerate an alliance among Asiatic nations, the China Great People's Association has voluntarily been dissolved.

The Asia Development and National Reconstruction Board will also be dissolved on December 17.

Kuo Min Daily News, Central China Daily News, New China Daily News, Bing Pao (Nanking telegram) :-

Loo Ying's Report on Police Negotiations

At a meeting held by the Executive Yuan of the Nanking Government on December 17, the following reports were made :-

(1) Report by Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan :- Chow Fu-hai has been appointed as Vice President of the Executive Yuan; Dr. Chu Min-nyi as Chinese Ambassador to Japan, and Hsu Liang (徐良) as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(2) Report by Wang Ching-wei :- The China Great People's Association having decided to cease functioning, Chen Chung-fu (陳忠夫), Chief Secretary to the Executive Yuan, Hu Lai-chen (胡賴辰), Vice Minister of Publicity, and two others have been appointed as members of a committee to take over the affairs of the association.

(3) Report by Loo Ying, Commissioner of the Shanghai City Government Police Bureau, on the negotiations between the City Government and the Settlement authorities, over the conclusion of an agreement over police rights in the extra-settlement roads area in the Western District.

Cheng Yien Pao, Chinese-American Daily News (letter from Chungking) :-

EUGENE Y.B. KIANG APPOINTED ACTING PRINCIPAL OF LAW COLLEGE OF FUTAN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Directors of Futan University has appointed Dr. Eugene Y.B. Kiang, an ex-student of the university, as Acting Principal of the Law College of the university in succession to the late Principal Sung Han-ping (孫寒冰) who has been killed in an air raid.

Wu Nan-hsien (吳南軒), the Dean of Futan University, has withdrawn his resignation.

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Besides resolving to support the various resolutions reached by the Bean and Rice Trade Guild, the following resolutions were also passed yesterday:-

(1) That a supervisory body be formed by the entire body of members of the Market Controlling Committee who will be detailed by rotation to attend the market to supervise transactions; that any case in which the price limit has been exceeded be reported to the authorities for severe punishment.

(2) That any person who cannot produce a certificate be strictly prohibited access to the market.

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## Price Of Rice Drops Below Maximum Level

**Chinese Newspaper Hits Price Fixing Scheme As Legalization Of Speculation; French Await Information**

With prices falling steadily on the local market, an Evening Post survey today revealed that rice was selling in some categories below the official fixed maximums established this week at a conference of Municipal officials and leading rice importers and dealers.

The Shun Fao, influential local newspaper, however, bitterly assailed the price fixing as "an attempt to legalize the high prices boosted up by speculators." The paper charged that the maximum level is certain to be ignored soon because "nobody is paying any attention to it" and "maximum prices have always been changed to follow the record price boosts of speculators."

### Prices Lower

In rice shops throughout the city an Evening Post reporter learned that prices of first grade Saigon rice are averaging \$85.50 a zah, considerably below yesterday's level of \$87 to \$88.50 and below the fixed maximum of \$87. Second grade Saigon rice was selling this morning at \$81.50 the same as yesterday and at the exact maximum price.

Dealers attributed the price drop to the arrival today of 70,000 bags of rice from Indo-China aboard the D'Artagnan and the generally accepted belief that the French colony will not place any difficulties in the way of importers attempting to bring rice to Shanghai.

### Indo-China Word Awaited

Meanwhile, French Consul-General Roland de Margerie said he was still awaiting official word from Indo-China concerning the reported colonial ban on exportation of Saigon rice. Mr. de Margerie said he has asked for com-

plete information on the situation but as yet has received no replies. He said, however, he expects to confer at length with members of the Indo-China trade delegation which arrived here today en route to Japan in an effort to learn what regulations will be enforced covering the entry of Indo-China rice into this city.

### Studied Figures

Mr. de Margerie said he had studied figures indicating large quantities of rice from the south had entered the city in recent weeks and hoped that rumors that an export ban would be promulgated were exaggerated. He said he felt that sufficient stocks were on hand to meet present needs and that he saw no immediate danger of shortage.

Settlement police meanwhile continued a shop-to-shop survey of rice dealers but no evidences of profiteering had been unearthed up to this morning, an S.M.C. spokesman said. He declared that prices have dropped since this week's rice granary plan adoption but that they may rise again once the initial interest and fervor has died down.

"However," he said, "the police have been instructed to make investigations and it is generally understood by the public that we will act where charges of profiteering are backed up by the facts."

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### Rice In Shanghai

**HUGE RICE STOCKS** are said to be on hand despite apparent shortage, and speculation is continuing despite official efforts to establish maximum prices by various expedients.

Our impression is, was and probably will be that there is not going to be any very fundamental solution of the rice problem on a basis of superficial treatment.

Last autumn a simple and workable plan was set forth by our financial editor, Mr. John Ahlers, who pointed out that the Shanghai rice problem should be singularly easy to grapple with because it is a "racket" in which the big dealers—a mere 15 control 95 per cent of the trade—perform no useful service whatever. They don't even bring the rice to Shanghai.

With the aid of some small determination plus an amount of money easily within command of Shanghai's industrialists and the capital market (recently proved to be more than ready to leap aboard a "good thing" in the way of stock offering), a rice-purchase structure could be set up which would take over either full or large-degree control of the rice market and assure rice at a reasonable rather than a profiteering figure.

At the very least, rice could thus be provided for Shanghai's industrial and other rock-bottom workers. They might be given a standard rice allowance in lieu of part of their wages. With a little extension, this plan could provide rice for all Chinese residents at fair prices. Capital would profit by this arrangement in a variety of ways, not the least of which would be a diminution of workers' unrest.

Any other plans strike us as a mere nibbling at a problem which might easily be bitten off and chewed up completely.

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Central China Daily News, Sin Wan Pao, Shun Pao, Chinese American Daily News, Cheng Yien Pao, National Herald, Bing Pao:-

MR. YU YA-SHING'S SUGGESTIONS TO THE S.M.C. ON LOCAL RICE SITUATION

In view of the grave rice situation in this locality, Mr. Yu Ya-shing, Chinese member of the S.M.C., plans to raise a sum of \$16,000,000 for the purchase of 200,000 bags of foreign rice.

Mr. Yu has sent the following letter to the S.M.C.:-

"The price of rice has been on the increase since the outbreak of local hostilities. The price of native rice is about \$100 a picul, while that of foreign rice is \$80 a picul. There is a tendency of further increases. This is all due to the spreading of groundless rumours."

"The 36,000 bags of rice ordered by me sometime ago have all been sold out at reduced prices, and it is regrettable that misunderstanding has arisen over this matter."

"I have been engaged in business in Shanghai for the past 60 years, yet the public seem to entertain some doubt about me. Rice merchants dare not undertake risks for fear of criticisms and as a result, the stocks of rice are diminishing."

"I hereby request the Council to hold a meeting, with the assistance of the French Municipal Council, of representatives of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Bankers' Guild, the Native Bankers' Guild, rice merchants and cotton mills to discuss the raising of funds to purchase 200,000 bags of Saigon rice to relieve the local rice situation."

A second letter sent by Mr. Yu Ya-shing to the S.M.C. reads as follows :-

"I am forwarding particulars regarding orders for rice passing through my hands. They were put out on sale at times of arrival and there has been no hoarding. Proofs provided by agents and men in charge of the rice are available."

"I have been engaged in trading in Shanghai for the past 60 years, during which period I have taken part in most of the enterprises in Shanghai contributing to the welfare of the public. The Council is requested to detail deputies to make a full investigation with the object of ascertaining whether or not there has been any hoarding."



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## Who Gets Rice Profits?

### SAIGON GRAIN COSTS LESS THAN THAT FROM A FEW MILES OUT OF SHANGHAI; ARMY IN OCCUPATION HOLDS KEY

#### EDITORIAL ARTICLE

(*Finance & Commerce*, Dec. 11)

**WEEK BY WEEK** the rice problem in Shanghai is becoming more serious, not primarily because of any scarcity but because the price level of this absolutely essential food is placing it entirely beyond the reach of the poorer working classes.

When the position was reviewed in *Finance & Commerce* on October 9th, it appeared to be about as bad as it could be. Yet there has been deterioration since then. Although the price of rice has declined considerably in the neighboring country districts, it has risen steadily in Shanghai itself. There lies the root cause of the whole trouble. As with cotton, so with rice. Shanghai is an island cut off from its normal source of supply. Cheap sales of imported rice carried through at a loss by charitably disposed individuals may serve to some small extent as a palliative, but hundreds of thousands of people cannot be fed permanently in this way, and if hard economic facts are faced and the cost of rice in foreign markets, calculated in depreciated dollars, is added to the charges for freight and insurance, it will be realized that all attempts to secure artificially any substantial reduction in retail prices must fail.

**T**HREE IS no desire to depreciate trade control measures. Everything possible should be done to prevent profiteering in a situation which is becoming desperate. But after all is said and done, it will inevitably be found that the only real solution is the opening up of the hinterland and the sweeping away of the barriers which now prevent access to the domestic crops. And, unfortunately, that solution is outside the reach of the Shanghai Municipal Council. The final word rests with the army in occupation.

The Saigon-Shanghai freight rate is now around U.S.\$10/1, a ton, about double what it was six months ago, and is approximately equal to the freight across the Pacific from Shanghai to San Francisco. Insurance is 5% of the value of each bag of rice. But notwithstanding these terrific charges, foreign rice imported from Saigon is cheaper in Shanghai today than the rice grown within the comparatively few miles of the city. Great profits are obviously being made, somewhere, but it must not be imagined that they are falling into the hands of the Chinese farmers or dealers.

**A**S REPORTED in *Finance & Commerce* of October 9th, the Chinese farmers were then receiving between CN\$15 and CN\$18 per zah (80 kilos) for their paddy. They now obtain not more than CN\$8 or 10. A hundred kilos of paddy will yield about 75 kilos of rice, and in Wusih and Wuhu, which are important milling centers, the price of rice is now around \$35 a zah. As will be seen, the farmer is paid a maximum of CN\$13.30 for the paddy which will give this amount of rice. After allowing for all legitimate expenses for collecting, transport and milling, the difference of \$21.70 suggests that there

has already been heavy taxation, but the average price of this rice when brought to Shanghai is \$82. This extra CN\$47 added to the cost of rice en route to Shanghai represents a burden placed on the back of the Shanghai worker which he is quite unable to bear.

Moreover, this presents the problem from the point of view of price only. Quantities available for Shanghai are extremely limited. Rice crops in Central China are between 6% and 10% less than last year, but this does not account for the scarcity of supplies. Under normal conditions there would be enough rice to meet Shanghai's needs for the full twelve months. There are, however, the requirements of the Japanese armies to be considered and over and above this, it is estimated by competent authorities that a minimum of 700,000 tons of rice have been exported to Japan within a year, most of which comes from the Central China districts. Shanghai now consumes approximately 24,000 tons monthly, or say, 290,000 tons a year, and of this amount only between 10% and 20% is received from the neighboring territory. During the first ten months of 1939 Shanghai had to import 8968 tons only of foreign rice; for the first ten months of this year her foreign imports have been, in round figures, 328,000 tons, representing basic expenditure as recorded in the Custom returns of approximately U.S.\$11,000,000. During 1939 Shanghai's supplies from domestic crops amounted to 244,000 tons. This year the amount will not be more than 36,000 tons.

**I**N THE TRADE, estimates are that Shanghai now has rice stocks sufficient to cover three months consumption, or, say 72,000 tons. Another rough and ready calculation is the following:

	Tons
Imports of foreign rice (10 m'ths) .....	327,955
Average domestic supplies (10 m'ths) .....	30,000
Total .....	357,955
Average consumption (10 m'ths) .....	240,000
Balance .....	117,955

Of course, trade estimates are based on market supplies, and do not take into consideration the small stocks held by most households. It will be seen, therefore, there is no cause for alarm on account of rice stocks being insufficient, and no fear of any immediate shortage. Admittedly the hinterland is becoming denuded of rice, but even should the local

supplies now reckoned to be 3000 tons a month dry up completely, it would merely be necessary to purchase this additional amount from abroad. That is the worst that can happen.

**I**T IS DOUBTFUL whether 3000 tons of domestic rice a month as against a demand of 24,000 tons monthly, would materially affect market prices, even if the domestic rice could be obtained for nothing. The ruling price would necessarily be fixed by the costs of the imported commodity. But all investigations suggest that the trade in rice which, as we have stated is obtainable for \$35 in Wuhu and is sold at over \$80 in Shanghai, brings no great profit to those engaged in it.

This rice finds its way to Shanghai by three different methods. It may come normally under army permit, but these permits are rarely issued and the amounts involved are so negligible that they are not worth taking into consideration. The bulk of the rice comes by what is known to the rice dealers as the "squeeze" route, and the remainder is smuggled.

On the "squeeze" route a good deal of money has to be paid out in what are euphemistically known as "local taxes," and it is calculated that about 20% of the rice is confiscated to satisfy the appetites of soldiers in the neighborhood. On the small quantities of smuggled rice which successfully get through, there should be a fairly substantial margin of profit, but it must be remembered that smugglers run the risk of being shot.

**I**N ORDER to understand fully the rice problem as briefly outlined above, it is necessary to take a glance at the position in Japan, where the failure of the rice crop has been the subject of much comment. The Government, after some preliminary optimistic estimates, have had to admit that this season's crops will yield only 302,350,000 bushels, which is a re-

duction of 42,250,000 bushels compared with last year. People are consequently being exhorted to "eat less rice" and to substitute other foods. Some of the papers have openly criticized the Government for their initial misleading reports of the rice position, and deride the official explanation that the failure in the crop has been due to unfavorable weather and insect pests. The facts of the case are unquestionably that there has been a scarcity of labor, owing to the mobilization of a million farmers, and insufficient supply of fertilizers due to "planned economy," to which must be added the new price regulations which made the growing of rice an unprofitable business.

Japan this year is short by about 1.5 million tons of rice. If she had to buy this in foreign markets it would mean the expenditure of about U.S.\$64 millions, and foreign exchange is scarce. Therefore the policy is to get as much as possible from the so-called yen bloc. As shown, it is estimated that Japan is obtaining about half her needs in this way, and the result is scarcity, high prices, and starvation in Central China, with Shanghai probably suffering more severely than any other large center.

**R**EFERENCE has been made previously to Japan's expressed desire, in the Sino-Japanese treaty, for economic co-operation, which is interpreted as "ministering to each other's needs in accordance with the principles of equality and reciprocity." *Finance & Commerce* is not concerned primarily with politics but with economic facts, and in recent articles we have shown how the principles of equality and reciprocity have been interpreted in terms of cotton and silk.

The foregoing article explains how the system works in regard to rice. The only needs which appear to have been taken into consideration so far have been the needs of Japan.

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## Rice Market Restrictions Enforced Yesterday

All Quotations Decline As Merchants Sell Big Stocks With Native Rice Being Smuggled In Despite Japanese Limitations

Marking the first time in the history of rice trading in Shanghai, limitations and restrictions formulated by the Rice Price Fixing Committee on transactions involving the staple product came into force yesterday, with rice dealers lowering their prices considerably during the morning market session until first grade Saigon stock fell below the \$85.50 quota while native first grade rice descended by some \$1.50 per picul.

As many rice dealers contemplated with displeasure the necessity of paying a \$5 deposit per bag of rice bought and compliance with a five-day delivery period prescribed, many attempts to transact business on the "Black Bourse" by accepting substantial bribes from purchasers for every bag of rice sold were noted. This, however, did not last long, as many other merchants were continuing to offer their stocks for sale at the fixed prices.

Meanwhile, according to reliable sources, large stocks of native rice entered the city a few days ago, smuggled by peasants despite the Japanese rice restriction regulations making local deals on native rice increase at lower quotations.

Still uncertain was the position of Indo-China officials in regard to the recently announced prohibition on export of first grade Saigon stock from the colony. The recent arrival of the Indo-China Economic and Finance Mission to Japan here was widely discussed by local rice merchants, as it was known that one of the chapters in the scheduled discussions to be held by the mission in Japan, will be the question of a trade agreement on Japan imports of Indo-China stocks of Saigon first grade rice.

Informed circles pointed out that the agreement might further affect prices in Shanghai of Saigon rice, as Japan imports from Indo-China may mean insufficiency of stocks to be sent here as Japan, at the present moment, is becoming a heavy importer of rice from both China and foreign countries.



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Chinese-American Daily News (comment) :-

THE RICE PROBLEM : SOME VAGUE RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions passed at the meeting held yesterday by the S.M.C., at which were present representatives of various rice trade bodies, to find a solution of the rice problem, are very vague. It is recalled that on this day last year the S.M.C. and the F.M.C. issued a joint proclamation suppressing speculation in rice. A year has now elapsed and measures to improve the situation are still lacking. Last year the price limit of Chinese rice was fixed at \$40; to-day the price limit of first quality Saigon rice has been fixed at \$87. One cannot help feeling astounded when making this comparison.

The first resolution passed at yesterday's meeting dealt with the erection of public granaries. Although we do not regard the establishment of public granaries as an urgent matter, nevertheless we are not opposed to it.

The second resolution dealt with the placing of a further order for 100,000 bags of foreign rice for the purpose of increasing stocks prior to an investigation of stocks is made. We do not understand this. Naturally it is a good thing, if we have money, to place orders for more foreign rice, but the investigation into stocks can be started now. Why should this work be postponed until the arrival of the ordered rice?

The third resolution dealt with the prohibition of speculative transactions. Naturally it will do much good if this resolution is strictly enforced.

As regards the adjustment of the price of foreign rice, its value is nil in the eyes of the poor class of people.

In a word, yesterday's meeting was not satisfactory and we predict that the rice situation can get no relief through it.

Cheng Yien Pao (comment) :-

"Obey the decisions of the authorities"

In difficult questions, fundamental or temporary measures can be devised for their solution. At critical stages, both fundamental and temporary measures could be adopted. Members of the local rice trade had a meeting with the authorities of the two Foreign Settlements yesterday and both fundamental and temporary measures, such as the facilitating of procuring of supplies of rice and the prevention of hoarding, were brought up for discussion.

Let us deal first with the prevention of hoarding of rice. The persons engaged in hoarding and manipulation with the object of controlling the market care only for personal gain; they have no consideration for the welfare of the community. It is to be feared that the term "rice worms" is not adequate enough to show up their treachery and wickedness. In order to suppress their

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activities, a strict investigation into the stocks of rice must be made. The rice of persons who are engaged in hoarding should be contributed to the cheap sales of rice or be sold off at a price which will give them a legal profit. The rice worms may be very bold but if such measures be enforced strictly, they will become afraid.

One effect of the meeting has been the eradication of the so-called "secret rooms" discovered in the market. These "secret rooms" were places where the rice worms made their deals in secret. This was a firm and resolute action taken by the meeting.

It is certain that these decisions will be enforced and strict investigations will also be made. In dealing with rice worms, there must be no leniency, otherwise they will become active again after a lapse of time. The wise authorities should pay attention to this. With regard to the point that severe punishment will be imposed according to law upon those who are found to have sold rice in excess of the prices fixed by the S.M.C., we hope that the rice worms will quickly come to their senses and refrain from violating the limit fixed.

National Herald (comment):

#### "Don't Cause Disappointment"

The people were very happy upon hearing that the two Settlement authorities had invited the leaders of the rice trade to a discussion of measures to stabilize the price of rice, as they believe that a thorough solution would be found. However, after reading the reports of the meeting issued by the S.M.C. Publicity Department, we were greatly disappointed.

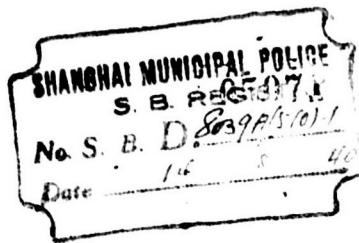
(1) Only the principle of establishing a public granary for the storing of rice was passed. The rules for its establishment will be drafted by two representatives of the two labour unions with Mr. Yu Ya-ching. It was not decided whether the suggestion of joint purchases of rice, public storing and public sales should be adopted.

(2) Stabilization of the rice prices is to be effected by the payment of \$5 per bag in advance, but it is not known whether this will have any effect.

(3) The price limit does not include lawful profits and yesterday's market price was taken as the highest price. Thus, yesterday's market price, which was raised by the traitorous merchants, has become the legal price at the present time. What is to be said of this?

(4) No satisfactory measures were devised to collect stocks. It is said that this will be drafted by separate organizations.

We are disappointed. We shall have to trust these separate organizations. It is hoped that Mr. Yu Ya-ching and the two representatives of the two labour unions will devise ways and means to relieve the citizens and continue the public sales in order to prevent the traitorous merchants from taking advantage of the situation. Do not cause disappointment to the people.



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### STORAGE

Effective June 15, 1940, surcharges on the Storage Tariff will be amended as follows:—

Wharves on the Shanghai side of the Whangpoo : from 50% to 100%

Wharves on the Pootung side of the Whangpoo : from 25% to 70%.

The amended surcharges will apply to cargo on Storage at June 15, 1940 in addition to cargo arriving on and after that date.

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Effective June 15, 1940, surcharges on the Storage Tariff will be increased. The amended surcharges will apply to cargo on storage at June 15, 1940, in addition to cargo arriving on and after that date.

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# Cooperative Buying Of Rice Suggested

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## Formation Of \$20,000,000 Company To Buy Rice Purchases, Regulate Prices Proposed By Shanghai Grain Merchants

With the harvest time of the year approaching and a loss of from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 suffered since February, local rice dealers are contemplating the cooperative purchase of the grain, from China and from growing centers abroad, and regulating of prices.

Shanghai dealers total around 1000, and the story of the big losses some of them were suffering was told recently

in the Shanghai Evening Post. Description of the new proposal to meet the present emergency as well as tentative regulations is given in a circular which is now being circulated to all dealers, as follows:

### By MR. KWEI YEN FANG Memorandum Issued

The proposal for the organization of a Shanghai Rice Purchasing Union, Ltd. represents an attempt to solve the difficult rice situation, which has been prevailing for the past 12 months and which, it is to be feared, will be with us and possibly become worse, as long as the war lasts.

The causes that bring about this situation are well-known.

The hardest time is now approaching. The months between May and August, when the last crop will be exhausted and the new crop will yet be unripe, will cause the severest suffering to the people. The darkest period in the history of Shanghai will soon be with us, if some concrete measure is not promptly taken while there is still time to do something.

### Saigon Rice

Since last winter Mr. Yu Yaching and other leaders have formed a committee to buy Saigon rice from French Indo-China, since efforts to bring native rice from the surrounding districts have failed. The aim is to keep up a steady supply of rice, thus preventing further soaring of price in the rice market.

Also during the Chinese New Year, under the leadership of Mr. Yu, cheap rice sale for the benefit of the poorer class was conducted for some months.

### Gratuitous Effort

Now the situation calls for a greater and more united effort of the people of whole Shanghai. The support of all rice dealers and residents of both the International Settlement and French Concession, as well as the two Municipal authorities is necessary. As the peace and order of the city will be involved, it is earnestly hoped that the two Municipal Councils will take active leadership in this movement.

### Purchasing Union

I. NAME: This body, representing the rice dealers (including rice 'hong' and rice 'hao') trading in rice in the International Settlement and French Concession and holding licenses from the two Municipal authorities, shall be called the Shanghai Rice Purchasing Union, Ltd.

### Purchasing Union

II. FUNCTIONS: The functions of the Union shall be to act on behalf of the constituent rice dealers as follows:

(1) To purchase native or foreign rice;

(2) To regulate price of rice with a view to decreasing the hardships of the laboring class caused by high fluctuations pre-

valing at this time;

(3) To sell rice at prices determined by the Union.

In carrying out the aforesaid functions, the Union shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the two Municipal authorities.

### Twenty Million

III. CAPITAL: The Union shall have a capital of \$20,000,000, Chinese National Currency, to be divided into 20,000 shares of \$1000 each.

The share certificates shall be in denominations of \$1000, \$10,000 and \$100,000, shall be registered and shall bear signatures and seals of six directors of the Union.

The Union shall be of a limited liability.

IV. INTERESTS: All shares shall yield a guaranteed interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum.

V. MEMBERSHIP: All rice dealers (including rice 'hong' and rice 'hao') defined in Art. I shall hold shares and be members of the Union.

Those refusing to be members shall be ordered by the two Municipal authorities to join the Union within a fixed date, failing which their trade licenses shall be taken away from them and no members in the Union shall have anything to do with them.

VI. RICE PURCHASES: The Union shall have the sole and exclusive right to purchase native or foreign rice.

Shipments of native rice, whether ordered previous to the formation of the Union by members or agents shall, on arrival in Shanghai be sold to the Union at a price to be fixed by the Union.

With the exception of factories, schools, colleges, commercial firms and other bodies, which have ordered foreign rice specially designated for their own consumption, members who have placed orders for such foreign rice shall sell their commodity to the Union at a price to be fixed by the Union. All future orders for foreign rice, no matter from whatever parties, shall be handled through the Union.

### Price Fixing

VII. FIXING PRICE: The Union shall have the right to fix the price of rice according to its grade and to require all purchases and sales to be made according to that price.

In fixing the price, the Union shall take into consideration the three factors namely: (1) quality (2) cost price, and (3) a marginal profit. Only a nominal amount for profit shall be assessed on the cheap quality rice, this being done for the benefit of the laboring class. For example, if a profit of 8¢ is allowed on one picul of first grade rice, only \$2 or even \$1, or 50 cents is to be allowed on second or third grade rice.

VIII. SALES AGENTS: The amount of rice that may be apportioned to the rice 'hao'

members of the Union acting as sales agents of the Union for sale in their stores shall be based upon the following factors, namely:

(1) the amount of shares held by the members; and

(2) the amount of business carried on by the members before their participation in the Union.

These sales agents shall not privately raise the fixed price, or default in weight of rice, or mix with inferior rice. For violation of these rules, they shall be severely dealt with. Repeated offenses against these rules shall subject them to forfeiture of their licenses by the Municipal authorities.

### Forfeiture

X. UNAUTHORISED PURCHASES OR SALES: No members of the Union shall conduct unauthorized purchases or sales either for themselves or for other parties. For violation of this clause, they shall not only be liable to forfeit their shares in the Union, but also be heavily punished by the Municipal authorities.

XI. SPECIAL FUND: A special fund to be 10 percent of the total year's profit shall be created to be applied as subsidies to rice 'hong' members who do not participate in sales of rice and do not get profit. Only rice 'hong' members who have subscribed shares amounting to \$100 or above shall be entitled to this subsidy.

XII. RICE STOCKS: Within one week of the inauguration of the Union all stocks of hoarded rice belonging to dealers or otherwise, shall be reported and sold to the Union at a fair price to be fixed by the Union, unless it can be proved that they are for their own consumption and not for other purposes. Hoarding shall be dealt with according to law.

### Depots

XIII. PURCHASING DEPOTS: When necessary, the Union may set up purchasing depots in the rice growing districts in the interior to handle the purchase of rice. The staff for such depots shall be employed by the Union.

XIV. DIRECTORS, INSPECTORS: The Union shall have (—) directors and (—) inspectors to be elected by ballot by the members of the Union. The directors and inspectors shall elect their own chairmen and, in the case of the Directors, they shall elect a standing committee of five.

The Union shall have an executive staff to carry out such duties as secretarial, transportation, auditing, etc., etc.

XV. REGULATIONS: Regulations governing the distribution of profits, internal organization, etc., etc., shall be separately drawn up.

XVI. REGISTRATION: The Union shall be registered with the two Municipal authorities and the two Special Courts.

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## SHANGHAI EVENING POST &amp; MERCURY

FEB 6 1940

**Profiteering On Rice**

RICE, a Hungjao district resident reminds us, can still be purchased in his area at a saving of not less than \$6 a picul as compared with the rates prevailing just inside the barriers of Settlement and Concession.

The difference represents what some might call "tax" and others, less charitable, "squeeze", going to people who are willing and anxious to fill their pockets at the expense of the element of our community least able to bear such a burden.

There have been some remarks from the Japanese to the effect that they underwent sacrifice in allowing rice to come into Shanghai, due to the rice shortage in their own country.

We suspect that the fortitude of the controlling forces must be considerably strengthened by the amount of profiteering so obviously in progress.

RW/H/3/2

A.C.G.D.  
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No. S. 8279A/5(0)-1  
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January 25, 1940.

Morning Translation.

Ta Mei Pao, Sin Wan Pao, Shun Pao, National Herald, Hwa Pao,  
Chinese-American Daily News :-

PEOPLE'S FOOD READJUSTMENT ASSOCIATION ADDRESSES  
OPEN LETTER TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

The Shanghai People's Food Readjustment Association on January 24 issued an open letter addressed to local residents containing the following five points :-

- (1) For certain reasons, there is a possibility for a further increase in the price of rice in Shanghai. It is to be hoped that people in various walks of life will purchase large quantities of rice as soon as possible so that fears of a shortage may not arise again in future.
- (2) Factories, stores, schools and other public bodies and organizations should advance money to their employees for the purchase of rice that may be kept for over six months (Saigon rice can be kept in good condition for two years) and the money thus advanced may be deducted from the wages of the employees. This will not cause much loss to the managements, but it will calm the minds of their employees at their work. Two-thirds of the population in Shanghai are workers. If they are saved all worry over food supplies for a period of six months, the question of food supplies for the whole of Shanghai will be settled.
- (3) The Association approved that people in various walks of life collect the money and place joint orders for rice from abroad. People should refrain from purchasing large quantities of rice in Shanghai for this will reduce stocks in this locality, thereby seriously affecting the livelihood of poor people.
- (4) People should realize the gravity of the question of food supplies for the future and adopt measures for the joint purchase of rice.
- (5) The following questions and answers are published to enable the people to understand the meaning of the joint purchase of rice :-

Q: Why is it necessary to order foreign rice?

A: For certain reasons, the sources of supplies of Chinese rice cannot be depended upon. Therefore it is necessary to order foreign rice.

Q: What is the price of foreign rice per "zar"?

A: The Association has ordered two lots of Saigon rice. The first order is for 6,000 bags at \$43.43 and the second order is for 10,000 bags at \$48.43. Roughly, one bag of rice weighs one "zar" and a quarter.

Q: According to present conditions, is the price of foreign rice cheap?

A: The rice stocks in Shanghai are limited and trouble will arise as soon as these stocks are sold. So, local people should lose no time in purchasing foreign rice as a precaution against trouble.

Q: Does the People's Food Readjustment Association collect any fees from people ordering rice?

January 25, 1940.

Morning Translation.

A: Not a single cash is collected. The Association is working for the people free of charge. The accounts are open to the public and the rice ordered is distributed among people at the original price. Members and employees of the Association draw no pay. Two or three paid clerks have been engaged. The Association can carry on for several months and there is no need to ask financial assistance from the public. A sum of \$1,500 has been contributed by members of the Association.

Q: Why does the People's Food Readjustment Association desire to collect funds?

A: The Association must have a certain amount of funds on hand in order to attain its object of improving the rice situation. For instance, when the price of rice is low, it may buy rice with the funds, and when the price goes up, it sells the rice. This may stabilize the rice price. If the quantities of rice ordered by the public are not large and should the price register a drop at this time and the foreign exchange rate improves, the Association may purchase rice if it is in possession of funds.

All this shows the importance of having funds on hand. The public should raise funds for the Association. The money will be repaid according to the regulations.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. REG. NO. 1

No. S. B. D.

## Three Piculs of Rice Stolen by Mob

Wheelbarrows Attacked by  
40 Chinese : Two Arrested

Yet another minor rice riot was reported yesterday afternoon, when a mob of about 40 male and female Chinese attacked several wheelbarrows with rice and stole about three piculs of the valuable cereal. An alarm raised by the coolies attracted the attention of policemen and resulted in the arrest of two persons, a man and a woman, who will face the First Special District Court this morning.

According to investigations conducted by detectives from Central station, several wheelbarrows of rice were despatched to a Chinese restaurant at 47 Shantung Rd. While proceeding along Foochow Road, just a few yards from Shantung Road, the caravan of wheelbarrows was attacked by the mob.

The leader, it was learned, was armed with a safety razor blade and with this instrument he cut three bags. Rice poured out and Chinese fought to get some of it, filling their pockets, pieces of cloth and baskets with the cereal.

The attacked wheelbarrow owner immediately shouted for help and his call was answered by policemen, who rushed to the scene. Seeing the approach of constables, the mob scattered, some making their getaway by running into alleyways in the vicinity, others along Foochow Road and intersecting streets. The policemen were, however, able to arrest the ringleader and the woman. The former was found in possession of the safety razor blade.

Taken to the station, they confessed to having participated in the attack, blaming the very high cost of rice for their crime.

## *Rice Cargo Stormed By Hungry Mob*

### **Two Arrested With Razor Blade Used In Cutting Open Bags Of Rice**

Demonstrating the effects of the worsening rice situation upon the lower crust of the Chinese populace here, three wheelbarrows laden with rice were mobbed yesterday afternoon by a crowd of 40 hungry people just within the shadow of the Headquarters of the Shanghai Municipal Police, on Foochow Road.

One male and one female Chinese were subsequently arrested and one razor blade used in cutting the bags of rice open was seized by officers from Central Station.

Investigation conducted by detectives on the case revealed that at about 2.30 p.m. yesterday, a large quantity of rice was being conveyed in three wheelbarrows to a Chinese restaurant at 47 Shantung Road. As the cargo reached a spot on Foochow Road, near Shantung Road, about 40 men and women, a typical conglomeration of beggars and waifs who live in the streets, stormed the wheelbarrows.

One of them was observed to have produced a sharp razor blade and quickly cut openings in three of the bags, whereupon each and everyone of the mob helped himself to the indispensable cereal. Helpless in the face of imminent violence, the coolies pushing the wheelbarrows dashed to Central Station, only half a block away, and reported the riot.

A party of detectives and uniformed men subsequently rushed to the spot and scattered the marauders, arresting one male and one female who will be accordingly charged in the First Special District Court at 10 a.m. today. The razor blade will be presented as an exhibit.

SINGAPORE POLICE  
REGISTRY  
S. D. 2599/510-2  
B 20 11 40  
B'Well  
November 7th., 40.

2529/40.

40.

7.30a.m. - 8.45a.m.

Det. Office.

7/11/40.

ENTERED ON  
CRIME INDEX

Manyang Road near Ferry Road.

7.15a.m. 7/11/40.

7.30a.m. 7/11/40.

Wong Yue Loh (王佑六), shop assistant, 302 Seymour Road.

About 50; one arrested & charged:-

Zee Lee Sz (徐李氏), 19, Kompo,  
m/female, N.P.A.

One by complainant.

Rice.

200.00.

Nil.

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M.O.

Looting of rice from barrow.

INDEXED BY  
(S.D.) REGISTRY  
DATE 20/11/40  
hr

At 7.30a.m. 7/11/40, the complainant Wong  
Yue Ioh (王佑直), rice shop assistant, 302  
Seymour Road, brought to the station the accused  
Zee Lee Ss (徐李氏, 19,  
Kambo, m/female, N.P.A.  
who, at 7.15a.m. 7/11/40, at Nanyang Road near  
Ferry Road, was arrested, when the accused,  
together with about 50 other persons, most of  
them women, raided a wheelbarrow and stole 5 sacks  
of rice, value \$200.00.

When arrested, the accused had none of the  
stolen property in her possession, but she admits  
the offence.

The accused will be taken before the Court  
on 8/11/40 to answer for the offence.

*B. Gurnfield*  
D. S. M.  
C.D.C. 133.

*J. H. Cahy A.I.*  
Sen. Det. I/c.  
City Const. Br.

D.D.O. "B".

Acknowledged, to the E  
General Reg. 6/11/1940

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

Letter no. 240 from Shanghai Committee for the cheap Sale  
Translation of of rice, No. 92 Canton Road.

MUNICIPAL POLICE  
REGISTRY  
B. D. 8/9/1940-2

pp 40

November 5, 1940.

Police Department,

Shanghai Municipal Council.

Sirs,

According to a complaint of the Rice Dealers Association, bags containing rice for cheap sale to the public were unl. fully cut by people with knives, with a view to pilfering, before they were unloaded at various rice shops, i.e. Jen T'ai Erh Rice Shop, 1459 Robison Road, Jui Feng Hsiai Rice Shop, 1047 Conquin Road, Fa Feng Rice Shop, 322 Tuting Road, Hsiai Hsin Rice Shop, 617 Connaught Road, Chang Lou Rice Shop, 1052 Ferry Road and Lai Hing Rice Shop, 201 Sinsa Road. Inquiry's made by the committee ascertained the fact that not only were the above shops affected but also those in the central district, Sinsa Road and Tuting Road. As the result that a heavy loss has been incurred. I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will kindly see that appropriate measures are taken to stop this unlawful action on the part of the unscrupulous people.

(Signed):

Yu Ya Ching  
Chairman.

13/11/40 S.K. Ho:

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. S. REGISTRY  
B. D. 6059A/6701-2  
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B'Well  
November 30th, 40.

2496/40.

30.

2.10p.m. - 3.30p.m.

Detective office.

3/11/40.

Scene of offence & vicinity.

Sinza Road near Hart Road.

1.30p.m. 3/11/40.

2.10p.m. 3/11/40.

Kang Yung C (康永成), shop assistant, B'Well Road. 1954

20 female Chinese. No description available.

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CRIME INDEX

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CRIME MAP

Nil.

4 sacks of rice.

120.00.

Nil.

Do no apply.

Nil.

Held up the victim who was in charge of a handtrolley loaded with sacks of rice on Sinza Road near Hart Road, cut open the sacks with pocket knives and stole the contents.

INDEXED BY  
S. S. REGISTRY

DATE 6/11/40

At 2.10p.m. 3/11/40, Informant Kung Yung G (龔永祺), Senior assistant of a rice shop located at 1954 Bubbling Well Road, reported to the station that at about 1.50 p.m. even date, his apprentice Kao Chia Wah (高家華) age 18, was held up by some 20 female Chinese on Sinsa Road near Hart Road and relieved him of 4 sacks of rice value \$120.00.

Inquiries by detectives revealed that the apprentice was told to deliver 4 sacks of rice to a customer on Gordon Road. The rice was loaded on a hand trolley and whilst he was proceeding along Sinsa Road with the handtrolley, several female Chinese came from Hart Road and stopped him. Two of them then held him up while the remainder, some 20 in number, cut open the sacks with small pocket knives which they were carrying and stole the contents. The two females released their hold when all the rice had been taken away by their accomplices. All the females were seen carrying away the rice with bags or tin containers and it appears that they are a gang of organised rice thieves.

The victim did not raise an alarm and he returned to his shop after being robbed. Scene of offence is located on North of Sinsa Road near Hart Road. Nearest policemen in the vicinity at the time were C.P.C.s 2748 and 2749, they were at Sinsa Road extension, approximately 100 yards away from the scene.

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The apprentice was unable to give the descriptions of the females who took part in the robbery.

Enquiries in the vicinity failed to glean any useful information.

Enquiries proceeding.

Chinchu Mang  
D. S. I.

C.D.C. 328.

J. A. C. H. D.  
Sen. Det. 1/C.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

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SHARJAH MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. S. REGISTRY

No. 3. I.D. 8089A/570/2  
Dwell 10 40

2262/40.

October 6th., 40.

40.

9.50a.m. - 10.30a.m.

Det. Office.

6/10/40.

Hardoon Road near Avenue Road.

About 9.30a.m. 6/10/40.

9.50a.m. 6/10/40.

Lung Ah Keu (丁 = 𠵼), wheelbarrow coolie, 289 Hart Road.

About fifty, one arrested:

Tieu Zung Sz (劉仲秋), 41, Kompo, widow, (?) Changping Rd.

One by Maik 182.

Rice.

220.00.

Rice.

5.00

Do not apply.



M.O.

Rice Locting.

Q 10 May 10

At 9.50a.m. 6/10/40, Maik 182 brought to the station the accused

Lieu Zung Sz (劉仲思), 41,  
Honpo, widow, (?) Changping Rd.

who, at 9.30a.m. 6/10/40, on Hardoon Road near Avenue Road, Maik 182 arrested when the complainant Jung Ah Kou (任阿秋), wheelbarrow coalie, employed by the Tong Fung Sing (同富新) Rice Shop, 289 Hart Road, raised an alarm that a mob was looting rice from his wheelbarrow.

The complainant states:-

At about 9.30a.m. 6/10/40 he was pushing his wheelbarrow, loaded with 6 sacks of rice, value \$220.00, along the roadway, when he was attacked by a mob of about 50 men, women, and children, who stole his rice. He identified the accused as one of the persons who stole his rice.

The complainant recovered only about 10 lbs. of the rice.

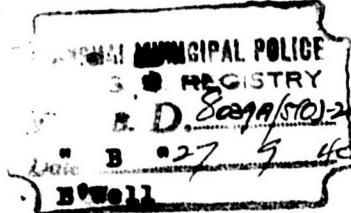
The accused admits that she stole several handfuls of rice from the wheelbarrow.

On instructions of Officer i/c B.W. the accused will be charged with the offence.

Sen. Det. i/c.

H.E. Gunfield  
D. S. 37.  
C.D.S. 163.

D.D.O. "B".



2175/40.

September 25th., 40.

40.

10.50a.m. - 12noon

Det. Office.

25/9/40.

Avenue Road near Ferry Road.

10a.m. 25/9/40.

10.45a.m. 25/9/40.

Zah Mei Shing, hawker, residing Kiangwan.  
(柴梅興)

About 100 male and female Chinese,  
two arrested and charged:-

(1) Lu Zung Sz (呂仲氏), 50, Kompo,  
s/female, Hart Road.

(2) Tseu Woo Sz (周天氏), 35, Kompo,  
m/female, Changping Road.

Two by witnesses.

Rice.

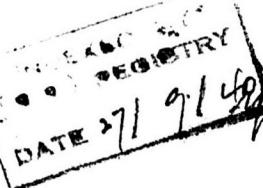
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Do not apply:

Accused together with a large crowd attacked coolies  
pulling a wheelbarrow carrying rice and stole the  
rice.



At 10.45a.m. 25/9/40, C.P.C. 1636 accompanied by informants Zien Ching Kung (錢金根), and Kyi Zai Ching (季瑞清), both coolies employed by one named Zah Mei Shing (蔡桂生), residing Kiangwan, brought to the station the two accused for being concerned in the theft of three sacks of rice, valued \$200.00.

Enquiries made by D.S. Weeks and C.D.C. 338 revealed that, at 10a.m. 25/9/40, whilst the coolies were pulling a wheelbarrow loaded with rice, on Avenue Road near Ferry Road, about 100 male and female Chinese attacked the coolies and stole three sacks of rice.

The coolies succeeded in effecting the arrest of the two accused, whilst the remainder escaped.

Zien Ching Kung (錢金根) was stabbed on the right leg during the scuffle and was sent to the Red Cross Hospital. Dr's certificate states: "Cutting wound of right leg."

Both accused denied being concerned in the offence, but were unable to explain why they were in possession of a quantity of rice, valued \$1.00.

They have been charged accordingly and will appear before the S.S.D. Court on the 26/9/40 for trial.

Sen. D.O. "B"

J. H. Weeks  
D. S. 252.  
C.D.C. 338.

D.D.O. "B"

C.R. 1782/40.

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No. S. B. D. 8039/15/02-2

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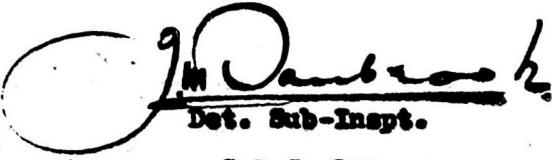
At 5.20 p.m. August 8, 1940, C.P.C.s 62,  
78 and 3039, on plain clothes duty, brought to  
the station two boys and a girl of the beggar  
class whom they arrested on Avenue Road near  
Majestic Road for being concerned together with  
a large number of other persons in an attempt to  
loot seven bags of rice from a handtrolley.

They are:

- (1) Te Siam Sai Ts (泰小三子), age 18,  
native of Kempt, b/Unemployed,  
H.F.A.,
- (2) Wang Siam Pih Ts (王三八子), age  
18, native of Kempt, boy, H.F.A. and
- (3) Mei Siam Mei (妹小妹), age 15,  
native of Kempt, girl, H.F.A.

In view of the fact that this was only an  
attempt, and as a juvenile charged under P.Well  
P.I.R. 1760/40, G.M. P.I.R. 1455/40, for actual  
looting was found "not guilty" this A.M., the  
officer in charge gave instructions for the above  
accused to be released.

Accordingly this P.I.R. is being submitted  
for classification.

  
Det. Sub-Insp't.

C.D.C. 133.

Sen. D.P.O. 2/6.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

R. K. R. 7/8

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. E. REGISTRY

No. S. A. D. 8039A/502-2

Date 23/7/40

B. well Station,

REPORT

Date July 18, 1940.

Subject

Theft of Rice on Gordon Road.

Made by

C.I. Shih Ssu-chien

Forwarded by

A. B. Curtis Inspector

O.I.C

Sir,

I beg to report that with reference to the remarks of D.C. (Division) appended to the attached report, enquiries show that at 8.30 a.m. on 11.7.40, C.P.C. 1709 brought to the Station a boy aged 12, whom he took into his custody from a wheel-barrow coolie on Avenue Road near Majestic Road, for having stolen a quantity of rice from the coolie. Subsequent enquiries at the Station revealed that at about 8.15 a.m. 11.7.40, a number of persons of the beggars class had stolen three and a half bags of rice from the coolie on Avenue Road near Majestic Road (vide F.I.R. 1576/40 B.W.)

D.C. Division  
Information  
Received  
Handed  
to  
C.P.C. 1709  
Information  
D.C. (B)  
Information

C.P.C. 1709 was walking No.2 Beat, Section 1, and at the time of the offence, he should be at the corner of Gordon and Sinza Roads.

C.P.C. 1709 was questioned and according to his statement, which is herewith attached, he was summoned to the scene by a certain foreign tram Inspector when he was walking North on Gordon Road. He denied seeing the theft taking place.



I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.O. "B" Division.

Shih Ssu-chien  
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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of ..... C.P.C. 1709.  
native of ..... taken by  Self  
at B'well Station the 17.7.40. and interpreted by C.I. Shih Ssu-chien

I beg to report that at 7 a.m. on 17.7.40 I was detailed to patrol No.2 Beat, Section 1. At about 8.15 a.m. when I was proceeding North along Gordon Road towards Sinza Road, a foreign tram Inspector approached me and talked to me in English. As I do not understand English, I asked him in Chinese if he wanted me in any accident or fighting case. He shook his head but then led me to the corner of Avenue & Majestic Roads where I saw a crowd of on-lookers gathering. I also saw a wheel-barrow coolie sweeping rice from the ground while another coolie seizing a boy age 13-14 years. I then realized that a looting of rice must have been occurred. After I had cleared the crowd from the road, I took over the arrested boy and brought him to the Station together with the wheel-barrow coolie with his remaining rice.

(sd). C.P.C. 1709 Li Ying Chi.

Recd 9/7



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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.....

899/8(0)-2

Section I, Special Branch / S. B. I. to

REPORT

Date..... July 14, 1940.

Subject..... Theft of Rice on Gordon Road - translation from Sin Wan Pao.

Made by..... and Forwarded by..... D. I. Crawford.

Reference the attached translation of an article from the Sin Wan Pao dated July 12, 1940, on the above subject, enquiries ascertained that a coolie named Daung Ping Chun (唐東均) of the Zu Shing (聚興) Rice Shop, 424 North Honan Road, was transporting four "zars" of rice on a wheelbarrow on Avenue Road near Majestic Road at 8.30 a.m. July 11, he was surrounded by some 50 people of the beggar class who frequent that vicinity and steal cotton from motor trucks. The crowd cut the bags with the rice stealing the cereal. The coolie succeeded in arresting one of their number and handed him over to a policeman in the vicinity. The arrested person, named Chang Tseng Yoong (張正榮), age 15, native of Kompo, residing in straw hut on Yenping Road, was taken to Bubbling Well Station but no charge was preferred, the culprit being placed in the beggars cell.

A total of 3½ "zars" of rice, valuing \$215.00, was stolen.



C. Crawford  
D. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

12-7-40 Am

Sin Wan Pac -

THEFT OF RICE ON GORDON ROAD

*True*  
*Ran*

At 7 a.m. yesterday, a case of theft of rice occurred at the corner of Gordon and Avenue Roads. Some 30 or 40 poor women and children who had gathered on the streets, each carrying tin buckets etc., stole a quantity of rice from a wheelbarrow laden with rice. Seeing this, the wheelbarrow coolie cried for help and assaulted the women and children with a cloth belt which he uses in pushing the vehicle. Notwithstanding this, the crowd became larger and it was impossible for the coolie to stop them. When post duty policemen reached the scene, over half of the four "zar" of rice on the vehicle had been removed.

*S. (unintelligible)*

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Engro please.

*July 7*

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. S. REGISTRY

N. B. D. 80399/8102

22-7-40

Date. 16/8/40 P.M.

LARCENY. O.O.L.

At 12.45p.m. 20/7/40 Zung Liang Kwei (陳亮達),  
S/Assistant, 47 Zung Chi Li (中齊里) off Sinna  
Road reported that at about 12.40p.m. same date,  
whilst he was pulling a handcart, Licence No. 72,  
loaded with 5 bags of rice, on Yu Yuen Road outside  
of No. 745, a crowd of loafers numbering about 40,  
cut open one of the bags with a knife and 80 lbs.  
of the rice valued at \$28.00 was stolen and taken  
away before the arrival of the Police.

The complainant states that he was too confused  
to recognise any of the thieves if he should see them  
again.

In view of the fact that the larceny was O.O.L.  
and there is no chance of recovering the rice, the  
undersigned respectfully forwards this case for  
classification.

J. Bradley  
D. S. I.

C.D.C. 32.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

2000/40 P.T.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRATION  
No. S. B. D 80019/1803-2  
Date 18 7 46

At 7.45 a.m. Tang Kyih Sung (唐基祥), Coolie No. 60  
Rue Paul Beau reported that at 7 a.m. same date he was  
pulling a handcart loaded with 4 bags of rice valued  
at \$118.00 on Seymour Road near Sinza Road, when a  
crowd of coolies about 80 in number rushed on his hand-  
cart and after cutting open the bags with knives they  
stole the rice and ran away before the arrival of the  
Police.

The rice is the property of the Tai Fong (太丰) Rice Shop, 60 Rue Paul Beau and it was being delivered  
to a customer on Robison Road.

Inquiries at the scene were futile and there is  
no chance of recovering the rice therefore the undersigned  
respectfully submits this case for classification.

Bradley  
D. S. I.  
C.D.C. 339.

Sgn. Date 18/7/46

D.D.O. "B" Div.

C.Y. Reg'd

809A/5702

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LOST AND FORWARDED FOR CLASSIFICATION.

At 8.15a.m. 14/7/40, informant Hau Kee Bing ( 侯 基 平 ), shop-assistant in the Zung Foong ( 長 廣 ) Rice Shop, 508 Brewster Road, brought to the station the accused Wong Lee Sz ( 王 李 斜 ), 27, Kompo, C.O.L., for being concerned in the theft of four bags of rice, valued \$125.00.

Inquiries made by D.S. Weeks and C.D.C. 104 revealed that, at 7.30a.m. 14/7/40, informant was in charge of a hand trolley loaded with 20 bags of rice, and proceeding from West to East on Avenue Road near Gordon Road when about 100 persons approached the handtrolley and ripped open four of the bags with knives and stole the rice as it ran out of the bags.

He succeeded in arresting the accused but the others escaped.

She admitted the offence, but denied knowing any of the other thieves.

She was finger printed, but has no previous convictions, and on the instructions of the Officer i/c was released.

In view of the above, this P.I.R. is respectfully forwarded for classification.

Ranf.

S. I. S.

J. Weeks

D. S. 252.

C.D.C. 104.

Sen. D.S. 252

mt. youke. D.C. Special  
Branch. —

D.B.O. 104 DIV.

(15) A similar case of

looting of rice occurred on

11. 7. 40. On avenue rd. Rice

to the value of \$215 was stolen

by 3 to 4 persons. P.W. 71.C.1576  
(forwarded for classification) R. J. Abram

Not received.

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G. 40M. 1-40  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY  
S. 1. D 8097A/5(2)-2  
REPORT Date July 3 1940

Subject Press Report - Women snatch rice from hand trolley on Markham Road.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

With reference to the attached translation from Chinese newspapers dated June 30, 1940, on the above subject, enquiries ascertained that at 10 a.m. June 29, when a coolie named Kyung Kiang Sing (莫江新) of the Nanchang Rice Shop, 301 Sinza Road, was delivering three bags of rice by means of a handtrolley near the Markham Road Bridge, some 40 poor people of the beggar class mostly women and children surrounded him. They cut the bags with knives and scooped up the rice escaping. The coolie reported the matter to a policeman in the vicinity who succeeded in arresting two of the crowd, namely :-

Li Soo Sz (李蘇氏), age 40, native of Shantung, residing in straw hut on Penang Road.

Wu Zi Sz (吳齊氏), age 31, native of Kompo, residing in Chapei.

They were taken to Sinza Station and were arraigned before the Shanghai Special District Court on the morning of July 2 and each sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment suspended for two years (Sinza F.I.R. 1993/40).

\$30 worth of rice was stolen it was estimated.

FILE

INDEXED BY  
(S.B.) REGISTRY  
DATE 4/7/40

D. C. (Special Branch)

C. Crawford  
D. I.

June 30, 1940.

Morning Translation.

National Herald, Ta Mei Pao, Chinese-American Daily News,  
Sin Wan Pao:

WOMEN SNATCH RICE FROM HAND TROLLEY ON MARKHAM ROAD

*True.*  
*Rdy*  
*so/6* At about 10 a.m. yesterday whilst passing by one end of the Markham Road Bridge, a hand trolley laden with three bags of rice was halted by a group of poor Kompo women who dashed out from the roadside and dispersed after they had snatched several tens of catties of rice from the bags.

The coolie immediately made a report to a policeman on post duty who gave chase and effected the arrest of two women. The arrested women were taken to the Police Station to be dealt with.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE S. B. REGISTRY

S. 1, Special Branch Station

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. B. REGISTRY  
S. 1, Special Branch Station

Date July 1, 1940.

Subject Rice Situation - anonymous letter to Council.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

C.P.  
D.L.

The situation will be watched closely.

There has been but two instances of rice-stealing in the past month, one from a shop in "C" Dist. & one from a hand-bakery in "B" Dist.

R.D.Crawford

D.Y. (S.B.)

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DC (D.I.)  
See



D. I. (Special Branch).



FILE

D. I.

C. Crawford

Dear Charlie

Can you furnish me  
with any possible record of  
handwriting on your office  
robbery.

You  
no record. T. H. Lub  
Many 28/6

File No.

POLICE FORCE

with ~~original~~  
~~for Chinese Office~~

25 JUN 1940



DC PII See  
the 1st page

DC PII Copy to me 1st

Translation of letter to Councillors from  
Settlement and French Concession Citizens' Association for  
Beijing 1st Inscrupulous  
merchants (國奸營合聯市界租而海上)

Dated 1st June, 1940

No address given.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. REGISTRY

No. S. B. D-29A/S(2)-2

Date 27 6 40



rice prices: threat or disturbance.

Since the beginning of this year the prices of all  
commodities, especially foodstuffs, have rapidly risen. Although  
rice Control Committees have been formed, we regret that they  
have only the power to control parity dealers. Attention is  
given to the very insistent demands from residents to force  
down the prices of foodstuffs, and no suitable step has been  
taken to bring this about. No price of rice has not risen  
to more than 70 per cincul. How can we poor people, who buy  
our rice day by day, continue to exist? Not only do we  
find it difficult to ascertain a date's existence as to pass a  
whole year, but to provide for food for a meal is in equally  
difficult problem. Our hardship cannot be fully described.  
The members of the Rice Control Committees seem not to be  
doing their duties properly. Have they achieved any success  
in forcing down prices?

Driven by hunger, we are not compelled to take desperate  
action. We have armed ourselves into a body whose sole object  
is to deprive the various unscrupulous merchants of all their  
stocks of foodstuffs stored in different godowns or houses and  
private godowns. Our slogan is: When there is any rice, it  
shall be shared by all; when the rice is exhausted, the hardship  
must be borne equally by all!..

Fortunately our organization is receiving the support of  
citizens, and a large number of persons have joined us.

the last few days our membership enrolment has been grown to 11,500 persons. I presume that you will be greatly surprised by this statement and will probably not believe it.

We have been proceeding smoothly and quickly about this business; we need only some hundred permanent members to have us over people who, whether in small flocks or many locks, will in large bodies at once join the cause. Your orders will be carried out with lightning speed, and although our members are scattered over wide areas, and engaged in various vocations, they will respond to our call within a few hours.

The class of the associations are given as follows:

Name: Universal Labour and Colonization Citizens' Association for Dealing with Unscrupulous Merchants

Object: To commandeer hoardings of unscrupulous dealers in foodstuffs.

Number of Members: 80,000 persons.

Organization: Members are organized on a military footing. They will form one regiment consisting of 4 battalions, each battalion consisting of 3 companies, each company consisting of 3 sub-companies, each sub-company consisting of 3 platoons, each platoon consisting of 3 sub-platoons, and each sub-platoon consisting of 48 members, plus 24 pickets and 8 reserve members. We shall have a staff headquarters, account's office and intelligence corps.

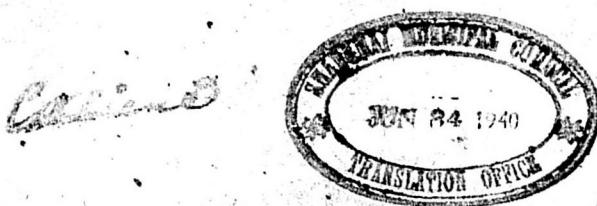
With such a well organized body of men we shall be able to cope with any situation, and to match ourselves with the combined strength of policemen, and detectives who serve as cutpurses for profiteers.

Gentlemen. Why do address this letter to you, is firstly, because we wish to beseech you to take immediate steps to reduce the prices of commodities, and secondly, because we wish to notify and warn you in advance. Should you continue to act in your own interest and take no measures to lower prices and relieve <sup>the</sup> distress of the poor, we shall be driven to desperate acts, though our

lives may be forfeited or we be imprisoned. As our regiment is brave, there is no doubt but that we shall achieve our object. Being hungry we cannot do otherwise than act. There is nothing that we fear. What do we care for law when we are starving to death? We will not commit murder or arson; we are hungry and compelled to risk our lives. This is only the natural result of the doings of those hard-hearted and unscrupulous dealers who commit bloodless murder. We are driven to this dangerous pass, and fear nothing. We have committed no crime; but we want the blood of those unscrupulous dealers who commit bloodless murders. We think perhaps you may even approve our actions, sympathize with us and pardon us. Please wait and see. Please watch for the outbreak.

(Signed) Shanghai Settlement and French Concession Citizens' Association for dealing with unscrupulous merchants.

(Note: Received for translation late a.m. 24th June, 1940).



## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. REGISTRY

No. S. B. D<sup>2</sup>aga/72-1

Date 28/6/40 Division.

Wayside Police Station.

June 22, 1940

Crime Register No. 1256/40

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:-

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	8.30p.m. - 9p.m. 21-6-40.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Detective Office
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Chinese Shop premises at 934 East Yuhang Road.		
Time and date of offence.	At about 8.20 p.m. on 21-6-40.		
" " " reported.	At 8.25 p.m. on 21-6-40. (By telephone).		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Vee Zau Tsoong ( 范朝宗 ), M-Shop-master, as above.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<u>One in custody</u> - Tseu Nyi Dau ( 周二道 ), 33, Ningpo, S-Hawker, 20 Ching Sing Li, East Yuhang Road.		
Arrests.	One.		
Classification of property stolen.	14 bags of rice Value \$ 400.00		
Classification of property recovered.	Nil Value \$		
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.	(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.		
	(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)		
	M.O. Accused with others not in custody entered shop with the object of looting.		

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (i) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 8.25 p.m. on 21-6-40, a telephone message was received by Wayside Station to the effect that a crowd of Chinese were looting rice on East Yuhang Road near Kungping Road.

A party of Police followed up by members of the Japanese Naval Landing Party attended and dispersed a mob of about 300 persons who were looting rice from a newly opened rice shop located at 934 East Yuhang Road.

At the conclusion of the clash, C.D.S. 305 and the undersigned observed the accused:-

Tseu Nyi Dau (周二道), 33, Ningpo, S-Hawker, 20 Ching Sing Li, East Yuhang Road.

leap over the counter from the aforementioned shop into the roadway where following a chase, his arrest was effected..

Questioned by detectives the accused admits that he with other unknown male Chinese entered the shop and stole rice.

In view of the admission of the above named coupled with the fact that -- according to the complt. 14 bags of rice value \$400.00 were stolen, the accused will be arraigned before the S. S. D. Court to answer a charge of Larceny Cont. to Art. 320 (1) of the C.C.R.C.

  
Senior Det. 1/c,

D.D.O. "D".

D.C. (Special Branch).

  
S.S.D.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. .... 129/40.

S. I. D. 8039A/S(0)-2  
N. S. I. D. 16 7 40  
Date 16 Division.Yangtzeppoo Police Station.  
Feb. 23, 1940.

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.).

Nature of Offence:— Looting.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10.52 a.m.—12.30 p.m. 2p.m.—2.45 p.m. 23/2/40	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Scene of offence and vicinity. Office enquiries.
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Yuen Foong (袁福) Rice Shop, No. 106-8 Linching Road.		
Time and date of offence.	10.45 a.m. 23/2/40.		
" " " reported.	10.52 a.m. 23/2/40.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Lee Shih Sung (李世生), proprietor, 106-8 Linching Road.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	About 30 male Chinese of the coolie class, descriptions unavailable.		
Arrests.	Nil.		
Classification of property stolen.	14 sacks of rice (7 piculs). Value \$ 259.00		
Classification of property recovered.	1 sack of rice ( $\frac{1}{2}$ picul). Value \$ 18.50		
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.  (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	C 23 2 40 Q 23 2 40 R 23 2 40		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	About 30 male Chinese of the coolie class rushed into the complt's shop via the open front door and stole property as described above.		
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (l) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.  (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	26 2/40		

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 10.52 a.m. 23/2/40 a telephone message was received from the Yuen Foong (元豐) Rice Shop, No. 106-8 Linching Road, to the effect that an unsuccessful attempt had been made to steal a sack of rice from the shop by two Kompo coolies who had made good their escape.

Enquiries however, ascertained the following.

At about 10.40 a.m. 23/2/40 two male Chinese of the coolie class attempted to steal a sack of rice that was stacked in close proximity to the open front door of the shop. Their efforts were frustrated by the three shop assistants named Dong Bang Sing (董邦星), Dong Foh Sung (董福星) and Lee Pah Ying (黎伯英) respectively and the thieves made good their escape.

About 8 minutes later a crowd of about 30 male Chinese of the coolie class gathered outside the shop and started shouting "Steal Rice" (Tsiang Mei (搶米)), and before the shop assistants could close the shop door the mob rushed into the premises and pulled down a stack of rice situated near the shop door. The shop assistants tried to oppose the thieves but they were easily overcome and unable to prevent the mob from carrying away 14 sacks of rice.

The thieves were in the shop for about five minutes and most of them decamped into an alleyway leading to Tsu Ka Ba Road, after which the shop assistants closed the shop, and informed the station.

At 11 a.m. 23/2/40 C.D.C. 183 whilst patrolling

**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.****CRIME DIARY.****CRIME REGISTER No:-***Division.**Police Station.**19*

Diary Number:-	1/3	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

**RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.**

Chinese running across a piece of vacant ground with a sack of rice on his shoulder. The detective called upon the man to stop but he dropped the rice and made good his escape. The sack of rice was later identified by the complt's assistant Dong Foh Sung (董福生) as having been stolen from the complt's shop.

The complt's assistants state that they have never seen the thieves before and are of the opinion that they are not residents of the neighbourhood.

Persons residing in the vicinity of the complt's shop who witnessed the occurrence, when questioned expressed a similar opinion.

Further enquiries were made in Tsu Ka Ba Road but no information was elicited that would reveal the identity of the culprits and/or lead to the recovery of the rice.

The complt has disregarded the Police advise given to him on the 16/2/40, when he was warned by C.D.S. 108 of the recent looting of rice shops in this area and advised to secure his shop door.

All rice shops in this district have been informed of this case and warned again to take precautions.

Special Branch informed.

J. Smith  
D. S. I.

D.D.O. "D"

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S.B. direct.

A. C. (Sp. Branch)

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Misc. File No. 45/40.

Wayside (1). 8039A/570-2

Station No. 10

Date February 16, 1940.

Rice looting in Wayside District.  
Subject.....

D.I. Cumming.

Made by.....

Forwarded by.....

E. T. Rodda

Officer in C.

Sir,

The following instances of rice and flour looting were reported at Wayside Station on 16-2-40:-

(1) At 7.15 a.m. on 16-2-40, about twenty male and female Chinese of the coolie class entered the Yue Tsung Rice Shop, 128 Alcock Road, owned by Wong Pao Ling. They scooped rice in to various containers which they had brought for the purpose. Complainant subsequently reported to the Police but the looters had gone on their arrival. It is estimated by the complainant that four piculs of rice were stolen.

(2) At 1.10 p.m. on 16-2-40, a crowd of about 50 or 60 male Chinese of the poorer class entered the Zung Yuen Rice Shop, 770 Tongshan Road, where by force of members they invaded the rear of the counter from where they removed a quantity of rice which they took away in various receptables which they brought for the purpose. Complainant telephoned the Station but on arrival of Police the looters had disappeared.

It is estimated by the complainant that two piculs of rice were stolen.

(3) At 2.20 p.m. on 16-2-40, a crowd of about 70 male and female Chinese entered the Nyi Tsong Rice Shop at 875 East Yuhang Road. They surged behind the counter and began to scoop rice and flour from bins and bags. Complainant telephoned the Station but on arrival of Police the looters had disappeared. It is estimated by the complainant that in all two piculs of rice and two bags of flour were stolen.

D.O. "D".

C. (Special Branch).

19.2.40

D. I.

G. S. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. S. REGISTRY

Section 1, Special Branch  
REPORT

No. S. B. D. Branch Station,  
Date January 15, 1940.

Subject Situation of rice shops in Zao Ka Doo, Western District, O.O.L..

Made by D.S.I., Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

The rice shops operating in the Zao Ka Doo, western District, O.O.L. have been selling rice through half-open doors or through small holes in the shop shutters in view of the prevalence of looting in that area.

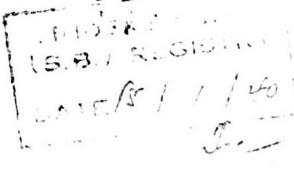
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& O/C B.W.*

A "Shanghai Municipality Western District Rice Merchants' Trade Association" (滬西區米商同業公會), was recently formed at 93 Erenan Road, O.O.L. with Wong Tse Woo (黃致和), ex-Commander of Zao Ka Doo Merchants' Volunteer Corps (defunct) and a rice dealer, as Chairman. Under his auspices a meeting was held in the office between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., January 11, 1940 when some 30 rice shop owners attended. The following resolutions were discussed and passed:-

1. That an appeal be sent to the officer-in-charge of the Western District Police Bureau for police protection to the rice shops in Zao Ka Doo.
2. That the rice shops continue their business through half-open doors until an assurance of protection from the Western District Police Bureau is obtained.
3. That the rice shops be warned to refrain from hoarding in order to avoid a rise in the price of the cereal.

*C. 15*  
D.C. (Special Branch)

*Liao Chung Chien*  
D. S. I.



No. S. N. D. 8039 A/5(0)-2  
Date 8 / 40

## SHANGHAI TIMES.

JAN 5 1940

### GROUPS OF BEGGARS RAID RICE SHOPS

#### Demand And Attempt To Steal Rice; Cheap Supplies For Poor

Rice shops in the Louan and Sinza Police districts received a scare yesterday morning when large parties of beggars commenced approaching them for donations of rice. In some cases the beggars became threatening, making demands and even going as far as attempting to steal rice and rice cakes.

Police were called upon for assistance and cleared away the mobs of beggars, detaining several men for a period and then releasing them.

At a conference held at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Shanghai Staple Food Regulation Committee passed one of its most important resolutions. This was the establishment of a "Frumeration Commission" (*Ping tiao wei yuan huei*), whose task will be to distribute large quantities of rice to the destitute people of Shanghai, at prices well below the present market levels.

More than 30 Shanghai notables, representing almost all the major trades of local business including banking, shipping, and other interests, were present at the meeting. Sixteen men, headed by Mr. Yu Yaching, were nominated as the organizing committee of the new commission. It was also decided to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 as the initial capital of the enterprise.

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20/12/39  
S.A.M.

Return of disturbances in connection with Rice Shortage.

S.A.M. December 19 to

S.A.M. December 20

Bubbling Well Station.

<u>Time &amp; Date</u>	<u>Place or Address</u>	<u>Rice Shop or other Vendors</u>	<u>Quantities Stolen</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	Nil

X Indicates O.O.L. but S.M.C. rate-payer.

C.S.P.  
88/-  
Dated 20/12  
  
John Hart Lane  
S.M.C. Inspector.

Return of disturbances in connection with Rice Shortage.

6 a.m. December 18 to

6 a.m. December 19

Rice, Station.

<u>Time &amp; Date</u>	<u>Place or Address</u>	<u>Rice Hong Shop. or from Vehicle</u>	<u>Quantities Stolen</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number of Arrests</u>
1.30 p.m. 18.12.39.	69 Hart Road.	Rice Shop	Nin.	NIL.	NIL.
1.30 p.m. 18.12.39.	9 Annam Rd	Rice Shop.	-	-	3 arrests.
3.00 p.m. 18.12.39.	41 Wm - Edinburgh	My Truck.	2 bags of rice and retrieved by Police. One bag commandeered by S.B.G. Police who retained same.	?	NIL.

I.R.  
No theft of rice  
took place from rice  
shop on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

19  
12

X Indicates O.O.L. but S.M.C. rate-payer.

J M Hart Lane  
C/Inspector.  
Officer-in-charge.

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"B"

B'Well

December 16, 39

<sup>140</sup>  
41 (Looting).

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16/12/39

Please see diary.

Various rice shops in B'Well District.

At various times on 16/12/39.

S.M.P.

Please see body of report.

See body of report.

S.I.  
C.13  
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M.O.

Looting from rice shops.

667 (Chapai number) Jessfield Road. S.M.C. TAXPAYER.

At 10.25 a.m. 16/12/39, the Yu Yuen (裕元) Rice shop, 667 Jessfield Road, telephoned the station reporting a crowd of about 100 persons had collected near the shop, and looked as though they were going to cause trouble. Police attended. Crowd dispersed on arrival of Police. Nothing stolen.

601 (Chapai number) Great Western Road. S.M.C. TAXPAYER.

At 10.25 a.m. 16/12/39, the Dah Zung (大眾) Rice shop, 601 Great Western Road, telephoned the station reporting a crowd of about 200 persons gathered near the shop. Police attended, and those wishing to purchase rice were made to queue up.

F.B. 866 Avenue Haig O.O.L. S.M.C. TAXPAYER.

At 10.40 a.m. 16/12/39, a telephone call was received from the French Police, reporting a rice shop, F.B. 866 Avenue Haig, being looted. French Police and Police from this station attended, but on arrival, the mob had dispersed.

It was learned that a crowd of about 200 persons had looted the Sung Dah (昇大) Rice shop, and stolen 35 piculs of rice, value \$1,200.00. No arrest were made.

69 Hart Road.  
100 Amman Road.

At 11.10 a.m. 16/12/39, a telephone call was received from the Sung Tsang (昇昌) Rice shop, 69 Hart Road, reporting that a crowd of about 200 persons were collecting near their shop and the Hung Yuen Sing (恒興) Rice shop, 100 Amman Road.

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Police attended, and on arrival, crowd had dispersed.

Nothing stolen from these two shops.

32 Annan Road.

At 11.45 a.m. 16/12/39, a telephone call was received from the Tung Wu (同五) Rice shop, 32 Annan Road, reporting that a crowd of about 250 persons had attacked the shop, and looted rice and flour.

Police attended, and arrested five persons:-

- (1) Wu Wong Sz. (吳玉), 40, Anhwei, M/Female, N.P.A.
- (2) Kau Yah Zien (高雅全), 26, Kompo, S/Hawker, ? Sinza Road.
- (3) Woo Ah Tsing (蕭阿後), 25, Ningpo, S/Unemployed N.P.A.
- (4) Hu Yoong Ming (胡榮明), 31, Kompo, M/Hawker, 29 Annan Road.
- (5) Lieu Zu Tsung (劉祖忠), 40, Kompo, M/Unemployed, ? Great Western Road.

70 piculs of rice and 30 bags of flour, total value \$3,040.00 was stolen.

Three bags of rice were recovered.

2046 B'Well Road. O.O.L., S.M.C. taxpayer.

At 1.52 p.m. 16/12/39, Ts Sih Van (朱錫藩), master of the S Dah (沙打) Rice shop, 2046 B'Well Road, came to the station, and reported that at 12.45 p.m. 16/12/39, a mob of about 60 persons rushed the shop, and stole 4 sacks of rice, value \$70.00.

No arrests.

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283 Hart Road.

At 3.45 p.m. 16/12/39, Tsou Tsung Kyah (蘇振發), master of the Foh Tai (福泰) Rice shop, 283 Hart Road, came to the station and reported that at 3.30 p.m. 16/12/39, a mob of about 300 persons raided his shop, and stole 30 piculs of rice, total value \$1,300.00.

Police attended, and arrested 4 persons:-

- (1) Tsou Kwei Shee (周桂生), 36, Kompo, S/Unemployed, N.F.A.
- (2) Liu Tching Yoong (劉清榮), 45, Kompo, S/Unemployed, N.F.A.
- (3) Yuan Ching Han (袁金漢), 18, Tungchow, S/Unemployed, Ts Yu Pang village.
- (4) Chiu Lih Fah (邱立發), 11, Ningpo, Male child, 7 Yoong Yue Li, Great Western Road.

Half a sack of rice was recovered.

On instructions of Mr. Yorke, D.O. "B", no charges have been preferred against the arrested persons, who will be detained until 5 a.m. 17/12/39, and then released

  
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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

Chengtu Road, Ssoton  
803/12/39/2  
Date Dec. 19 1939

Subject. Incorrect press statement appearing in the N.C.D.N. dated 10/12/39  
under the heading "Rice Situation."

Made by D.L. Hill Forwarded by C. J. Lee, Inspect  
Officer in Charge

D.L. Hill  
For Information  
D.L. Hill

Sir.

With reference to the attached extract from the "North China Daily News" dated 10/12/39 reading as follows :-

"One of the men, who took part in the riot on Saturday at the San Meu Rice Shop in Chengtu Road has died of his injuries."

As no information was available in Police circles regarding the identity of the person referred to by the press an enquiry was instituted by the undersigned, as a result of which the following was ascertained :-

The reported death of one of the persons who participated in the attack on the "San Meu" Rice Shop No. 125 Chengtu Road on the 10/12/39 (C.R. 1000/39 Ch. Rd.) was obtained from a Chinese reporter who visited the scene of the disturbance, and obtained his information from gossip in the immediate vicinity, and without attempting to verify the authenticity of his information through official sources, caused the publication of the paragraph in question. The person referred to as the deceased is one Wong Sz Kung (王世根) age 23, native of Soochow, M/hawker, residing Lane No. 219 Taku Road, he is the 2nd accused who was arraigned before the S.S.D. Court on the 10/12/39 charged with Rioting and Robbery Cont. to Arts. 150 and 325 (I) of the C.J.C., and together with nine others was sentenced to "3 months' imprisonment suspended for 2 years."

Enquiries reveal that the accused in question

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received injuries to the head during a baton charge by the Police, who dispersed a crowd of some 200 in number who were attacking the rice shop referred to, he fell to the ground and was bleeding from the head. He was later removed to the Police Hospital and certified to be suffering from a lacerated wound on the scalp." Neighbours consequently circulated the rumour that he had been killed.

The wife of the deceased one Wong Kee Sz (王基成) attended the S.S.D. Court and identified her husband as the 2nd accused in the Court, she admitted that a rumour had been circulated in the neighbourhood that her husband had been killed. (Statement attached).

Mr. V.Y. Meisling of the Editorial Department of the North China Daily News was communicated with and apologized for the incorrect report appearing in the press, and stated that a correction would be made re same in the issue dated 19/12/39.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



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Officer i/c, Special Branch.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.The following is the statement of WONG ZEE SZE.native of Soochow taken by Mr. C.D.  
Chao Rd. Stn. on the 18-12-39 and translated by Clerk Tan.

At about 10.50a.m. on the 16-12-39, my husband Wong Sze Kung was arrested by Police in connection with a riot at the San Men Rice Shop, 125 Chengtu Road and subsequently escorted to Police Station.

At about 10a.m. on the 18-12-39, while making a purchase from a sauce shop on Chengtu Road, I heard pedestrians talk about the death of my husband that he had succumbed to his injuries received in the riot.

However, at 12 noon 18-12-39, my husband came back home. I told him what I heard it rumoured that he had died from the injuries in the riot. He then told me that after arrest, he was taken to Chengtu Road Police Station and on 18-12-39 he was arraigned before the Court and sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment suspended for 2 years. He further told me that in the course of trial, he was warned by the presiding judge not to create any further disturbance. I now realize that the above rumour concerning the death of my husband was absolutely groundless, I do not know where it originated from.

At about 3p.m. same date, we were summoned to Chengtu Road Police Station by detectives to whom we confirmed the fact that the above rumour had been in circulation and now further realized that same was false.

Signed and crossmarked.

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Please see diary.

Various rice shops in B'Well District.

At various times on 16/12/39.

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Looting from rice shops.

667 (Chanci number) Jessfield Road. S.M.C. taxpayer.

At 10.25 a.m. 16/12/39, the Yu Yuen (裕元) Rice shop, 667 Jessfield Road, telephoned the station reporting a crowd of about 100 persons had collected near the shop, and looked as though they were going to cause trouble. Police attended. Crowd dispersed on arrival of Police. Nothing stolen.

601 (Chanci number) Great Western Road. S.M.C. taxpayer.

At 10.25 a.m. 16/12/39, the Dah Zung (大眾) Rice shop, 601 Great Western Road, telephoned the station reporting a crowd of about 200 persons gathered near the shop. Police attended, and those wishing to purchase rice were made to queue up.

F.B. 866 Avenue Haig C.O.L., S.M.C. taxpayer.

At 10.40 a.m. 16/12/39, a telephone call was received from the French Police, reporting a rice shop, F.B. 866 Avenue Haig, being looted. French Police and Police from this station attended, but on arrival, the mob had dispersed.

It was learned that a crowd of about 200 persons had looted the Sung Dah (昌大) Rice shop, and stolen 35 piculs of rice, value \$1,200.00. No arrests were made.

69 Hart Road.  
100 Annam Road.

At 11.10 a.m. 16/12/39, a telephone call was received from the Sung Tsaung (昌永) Rice shop, 69 Hart Road, reporting that a crowd of about 200 persons were collecting near their shop and the Hung Yuen Sing (恒興) Rice shop, 100 Annam Road.

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Police attended, and on arrival, crowd had dispersed.

Nothing stolen from these two shops.

32 Annan Road.

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Police attended, and arrested five persons:-

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- (2) Kau Yah Zien (高雅全), 26, Kompo, S/Hawker,  
? Sinza Road.
- (3) Woo Ah Tsing (巫阿俊), 25, Ningpo, S/Unemployed  
N.F.A.
- (4) Hu Yoeng Ming (胡英明), 31, Kompo, M/Hawker,  
29 Annan Road.
- (5) Lieu Zu Tsung (劉祖宗), 40, Kompo, M/Unemployed,  
? Great Western Road.

70 piculs of rice and 30 bags of flour, total value \$3,040.00 was stolen.

Three bags of rice were recovered.

2046 B'Well Road. O.O.D., S.M.C. taxpayer.

At 1.30 p.m. 16/12/39, Te Sih Van (朱錫萬), master of the S Dah (司達) Rice shop, 2046 B'Well Road, came to the station, and reported that at 12.45 p.m. 16/12/39, a mob of about 60 persons rushed the shop, and stole 4 sacks of rice, value \$70.00.

No arrests.

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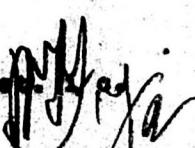
Police attended, and arrested 4 persons:-

- (1) Tseu Kwei Shue (周桂聲), 36, Kompo, S/Unemployed, N.F.A.
- (2) Lieu Tsing Yoong (黎清榮), 45, Kompo, S/Unemployed, N.F.A.
- (3) Yuan Ching Han (袁金漢), 18, Tungchow, S/Unemployed, Ts Yu Faang village.
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Half a sack of rice was recovered.

On instructions of MR. Yorke, D.O. "B", no charges have been preferred against the arrested persons, who will be detained until 5 a.m. 17/12/39, and then released

  
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D.D.O. "B" DIV.

b.c. Special Branch

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Miss. No. 1148/29.

Central  
December 16, 29.

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Rice Situation - Central District.

Sir,

The rice situation in the Central District remained quite normal during the twenty-four hours ending December 17.

Although no serious disturbances took place and no attempt was made to plunder any of the rice shops, it is, however, believed that one mob did filter into the district, in a surreptitious manner during the afternoon for this purpose.

At 3.50 p.m. C.C.R. reported that a large crowd had assembled in the vicinity of the Hain Tak Rice Shop (海泰米店), 135 Ningpo Road.

The mob consisted of Kowloon females and young children and several males of the leisler class.

All were reported to have carried sacks and other receptacles suitable for the carrying of rice.

These people are definitely not Central residents and are believed to have come from the Western Area.

They made an attempt to rush the shop and stood in a group some twenty or thirty yards away.

Vigilance by Police on duty in the vicinity and the subsequent arrival of reinforcements apparently discouraged the mob who broke up and are reported to

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have made their way into Louza District.

Louza was accordingly informed of the presence of these people.

Mobile squads under S.I. Watson and the undersigned subsequently patrolled the district and guards at all rice shops were doubled.

All shops in this district appear to be carrying large stocks of rice.

Copy to:- D.C. Special Branch.

D.G. Divisions.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

"B" ..... Division.

Sinza ..... Police Station.

December 16th, 1939.

Crime Register No. .... 3801/39.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:-	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	See diary.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	See diary.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Various Rice Shops in Sinza District.				
Time and date of offence.	Between 11-15pm. and 4-15pm. on 16/12/39.				
" " " reported.	Between 11-15pm. and 4-15pm. on 16/12/39.				
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Various shop owners.				
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Arrested:- Nine male and four female Chinese as described in diary.				
Arrests.	By Police Party.				
Classification of property stolen.	Rice.	Value \$ ----.			
Classification of property recovered.	Rice.	Value \$ ----.			
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	S. S. Q. T.				
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	(a) Looting of rice shops by mobs.				
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretense and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)					

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- (j) What staff employed on premises ?  
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?  
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?  
(m) What was their "characters" ?  
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?  
(o) Are old servants suspected ?  
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Do not apply.

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

Between 11-15am. and 4-15pm. on 10/12/39 there were 13 instances of looting and attempted looting of Rice Shops in the Sincza District, as follows:

(1)

At 11-15am. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No.886 Sincza Road reporting a large crowd of male and female Chinese attempting to loot the shop.

A Party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, who had failed to steal anything.

Complainants: Wong Yung Kyi (黃英基).

(2)

At 11-20am. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No.323-5 Shenhakwan Road reporting a crowd looting the premises.

A Party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, who had not succeeded in stealing anything.

Complainant: Tsui Pau Ling (蔡寶齡).

(3)

At 11-20am. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 337 Shenhakwan Road, reporting a crowd looting the shop.

The Party of Police attending succeeded in dispersing the crowd and it was later learnt that rice to the value of \$8.00 had been stolen. No arrests were made.

Complainant: Yih Sa Kau (一沙頭).

(4)

At 1-15pm. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No.372 Highbury Road reporting a crowd looting the premises, and a party of Police attended and succeeded in dispersing the crowd, arresting five persons, as follows:-

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Diary Number:-	1/sheet 3.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

- (1) Zau Ah Sai (趙阿仔), 24, Kompo, s/unemployed, residing off Yu Yuan Road, O.O.J.
- (2) Nyung Kih Dee (王吉弟), 13, Yancehou, female, No. 7 Tuting Road.
- (3) See Koh Ding (薛國慶), 34, Kompo, s/unemployed, No. 7 Tutting Road.
- (4) Hau Ying Gong (胡英公), 24, Kompo, s/unemployed, No. 7 B'Well Road, O.O.J.
- (5) You Tsung Zen (余忠善), 27, Kompo, m/unemployed, No. 7 Avenue Road.

Rice valued at \$600.00 was reported as stolen, and rice valued at \$18.00 was recovered.

Complainants: See Pah Yoong (徐伯勇).

(5) At 1-30pm. a telephone message was received from the same shop, above, and the Police Party returned and dispersed a second crowd, who had failed to steal anything.

(6) At 2pm. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 77 Burkhill Road reporting a crowd looting the shop, and a Party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, which had failed to steal any property.

Complainants: Kong Tsung Ngoo (孔忠能).

(7) At 3-08pm. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 703 Avenue Road reporting looting in progress, and a party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, making five arrests, including two by D.S.I. Read who was passing the scene on other business, as follows:-

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Diary Number:—	1/sheet 4.	Nature of Offence:—
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day
RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.		
<p>(1) See Wong Lin(錢王氏), 36, Kompo, female, N.F.A.</p> <p>(2) Lee Yoong Sung(李夢生), 34, Kompo, w/unemployed, N.F.A.</p> <p>(3) Sung Wong Sa(孫王氏), 32, Kompo, female, N.F.A.</p> <p>(4) Wong Ying Sung(王英生), 36, Kompo, w/unemp., N.F.A.</p> <p>(5) Liou Kyung Sung(劉金生), 34, Hangzok, w/hawker, No. 2 Avenue Road.</p> <p>Rice to the value of \$40.00 was stolen and none recovered.</p>		
(8)	Complainant: Soong Kwei Choong(宋冠軍).	At 3-55pm, a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 40 Tsingtao Road reporting looting in progress, and a party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, no arrests made, nothing stolen.
(9)	Complainant: Tseu Poh San(朱福士).	At 4pm, a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 365 Myburgh Road reporting a crowd attempting to loot the premises, and this crowd was dispersed by a Party of Police which attended. Nothing had been stolen.
(10)	Complainant: Tseu Sau Kyi(朱兆基).	At 4pm, a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No. 542 Myburgh Road, and a party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd, nothing stolen.
	Complainant: Liou Vung Dau(盧元壽).	

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Diary Number:-	1/sheet 5.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day
RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.		

- (11) At 4-16pm. a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No.812 Tatung Road reporting a crowd looting the shop. A Party of Police attended and succeeded in dispersing the crowd, making two arrests, as follows:-
- (1) Lee Zuh Yung (李志英), 24, Kompo, w/hawker, No.7 Tatung Road.
- (2) Zou Tzeu Sung (鮑子成), 21, Kompo, w/coolie, H.P.A. Rice valued at \$70.00 had been stolen, none of which was recovered.
- Complainants: Kyung Yung Ziang (景永祥).
- (12) At 4-50pm. the owner of a Rice Shop, at No. 389 Burkhill Road brought to the Station a male Chinese named Lieu Van Dou (劉萬壽), 25, Kompo, w/coolie, No.7 Ferry Road, whom he had arrested outside his shop, suspecting him to have been one of a crowd of persons concerned in the looting of the complainant's shop at 11am. 16/12/39, when rice valued at \$400.00 was stolen.
- Complainant: Kou Ong Kong (高鴻康).
- (13) At 5-17pm. a telephone message was received from an address given as No.30 Tatung Road near Sinza Road reporting looting at a Rice Shop, and a party of Police attended, but found that a crowd had merely gathered and that no theft had been attempted.
- No complainant located.

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

**RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.**

The price of rice in the above shops varied from \$38.00 to \$60.00 per bag, and none were willing to sell rice in smaller quantities than 40 cents worth, most asking that \$1.00 be paid.

The arrested persons all deny having been concerned in the offences, stating that they were passers by and merely caught in the crowds that gathered.

On the instructions of the D.O. "B" they will be detained overnight then released.

Copy to D.S. (Special Branch).



Head  
Sen. Det.



Dr. Watson  
D.G.I.

D.D.O. "B"

Addendum.

At 5-12am. on 17/12/39 a telephone message was received from a Rice Shop at No.104 Markham Road reporting a crowd attempting to loot the premises. A Party of Police attended and dispersed the crowd. Nothing stolen.

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Dr. Watson  
D.S.I.

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Division.

West Hongkew

Police Station

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Diary Number 1..

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:— 40.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10 a.m.— 12 noon 16-12-39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	200 Kaifeng Road & Detective Office.
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	200 Kaifeng Road.		
Time and date of offence.	At 9.35 a.m. 16-12-39.		
" " reported.	At 10 a.m. 16-12-39.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Wong Kou Tseng (王國成), shop assistant, 200 Kaifeng Road.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<u>Two arrested and charged</u> (1) Woo She Jang (伍世強) age 27, Kompo, 4/riceha coolie, Lane 4 House 57 N. Tibet Rd. (2) Sung Ying Loong (宋英龍) age 43, Tsungming, 4/riceha coolie, No. 20 Yeh Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.		
Arrests.	Two by Uniform & Detective Branches.		
Classification of property stolen.	5 Sacks of rice. Value \$ 175.00.		
Classification of property recovered.	Value \$		
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.	S. 4 <i>C. 16/12/39.</i> Entered on Crime Index.		
(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.			
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	Stealing rice from a rice shop by a crowd of people.		
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.			
(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.). (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)			

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- (j) What staff employed on premises ?  
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(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?  
(o) Are old servants suspected ?  
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 10 a.m. 16-12-39, a telephone message was received at the station through C.C.R. reporting to the effect that a number of loafers were looting rice from the Zung Chong Rice Shop (中興米店) situated at No.200 Kaifeng Road.

A party of police under officer in charge immediately attended. On arrival, it was found that a large number of people had gathered outside the said rice shop, the majority of whom were interested onlookers.

At the moment of arrival of police, a number of people, who were crowding the shop, escaped in different directions. The following named persons were apprehended actually inside the shop:-

- (1) Soo Lee Shu (施李氏), age 45, Kompo, M/female, Ching Ka Hong off Kiao Chow Rd.  
(2) Jao Ning Su (喬寧蘇), age 25, Kompo, M/female, 12 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.  
(3) King Cho Tee (金朝芝), age 15, Kompo, S/female, Chapei.  
(4) Dan Tsoo Shu (丹周氏), age 27, Wusih, M/female, 10 Kaifeng Lee, Kaifeng Rd.  
(5) Dong Zim Lin (董芝林), age 43, Tungchow, M/carpenter, 107 Winchester Rd.  
(6) Tee Hong She (提洪喜), age 15, Kompo, S/brass-smith, 15 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.  
(7) Zien Yu Pao (甄玉寶), age 10, Kompo, S/rag picker, Straw hut off Yenping Rd.  
(8) Woo See Jong (伍喜榮), age 27, Kompo, M/richest coolie, Lane 4 House 57 N. Thibet Rd.  
(9) Zung Ying Loona (中興龍), age 43, Tsungming, N/Tacsha coolie, No.20 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.

The first four named females have been released after enquiries revealed that they were actually inside the shop for the purpose of purchasing rice.

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Division.

West Hongkew

Police Station.

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Diary Number:—

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Nature of Offence:—

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The 5th, 6th & 7th named will be released after curfew hours, these people being of the beggars class against whom no evidence of attempting larceny can be obtained.

With the regards to the 8th and 9th named, hereinafter referred to as the 1st & the 2nd accused, have been definitely identified by the shop assistants named Wong Kou Tseng (王國珍) and Sung Ping Yuen (宋平元); as those who were actually attempting to steal the rice which was stored in sacks and piled against the rear walls of the shop. There two men were seen to pull the sacks and to open same, thereby allowing many persons, who had escaped, to steal the rice.

The complainant reports that in all, 5 sacks of rice valued at approximately \$175.00 was stolen by these unknown persons.

On instruction of D.O."C" the 1st and 2nd accused have been charged with contrary to Art. 321 of C.C.C. and will before the S.S.D. Court on 18-12-39.

Arrangements have been made by the officer in charge West Hongkew with regarding to the warning of the rice shop owners to keep their front door secured

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

2150/39.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

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Went Hongkew Division.

December 16th Police Stat 39.

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Diary Number:—

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.  
and to do their business through small windows.

*M. M.*  
*Det. 1/c*

~~Sent Det. 1/c~~

D.D.O. "C" Div.

D.C. Special Branch.

Rice Riots in the Pooteo Road District on 16.12.39.

At 9 a.m. 16.12.39. in response to a telephone message from the Wan Kong (萬康) Rice Shop, 1395-7 Ferry Road, to the effect that a riot was in progress at the shop, a party of Police under Inspector Watson, Officer in charge, immediately turned out. On arrival of Police, the rioters had already been dispersed and most of them had escaped with a large number sacks of rice, stolen from the shop. Police party, however, was able to overtake a part of the offenders, effecting the arrest of sixteen male Chinese, four females and one boy and recovery of a quantity of rice, approximately 5 sacks from them.

The owner of the shop named Wong Ziang Ching (吳祥慶), estimated that a total loss of 30 sacks of rice valued at \$600.00 was suffered as the result of the riot. There were, however, no casualties.

A separate list of the description of the arrested persons is attached.

Six other rice shops were broken into by the rioters throughout the day and owing to the prompt arrival of Police party at the scene of each riot on receipt of information, the mob dispersed, having no opportunity to loot anything from the shop. In one of these attempts, a male Chinese named Wong Teh Hsue (王德喜), aged 41, native of Anhwei, S/coolie residing straw hut, Yah S Loong, off Ferry Road, who was attempting to break into a rice shop with a sharp iron hook, which was found to be in his possession at the time of his arrest, was arrested by Police.

The following are the shops which had been broken into by the rioters and nothing was stolen from the shops

- S.V.  
C.Y.
- 11.45 a.m. - Yung Foong (永豐) Rice Shop, 68-70 Robison Rd, O.O.L
  - 12.40 p.m. - Hung Foong (恒豐) Rice Shop, 18 Penang Road.
  - 2.04 p.m. - Kung Ping (公平) Rice Shop, 4655 Robison Road.
  - 2.15 p.m. - Sing Ziang Foong (新祥豐) Rice Shop, 971 Ferry Road.
  - 3.38 p.m. - Dong Zung Ziang (同興祥) Rice Shop, 495 Ichang Rd.
  - 5.07 p.m. - Dong Fah Ziang (同發祥) Rice Shop, 1426 Ferry Rd.

A total of 22 persons were arrested by Police and they were detained at the station, pending instructions from D.O. "B" Division.

Sen. Det. I/c.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

D.S.I.

(I) Riot at Wan Kong (萬康) Rice Shop, No.1395-7 Perry Road.  
at about 9 a.m. on 16.12.39. Manager Wong Jang Ching (王祥慶)

21 persons arrested

(1) Woo Dah Kwan To	吳大廣	46. Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.
(2) Chi Yoch Heiang	祈希航	32. Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.
(3) Lee Kyeng Sai	李金山	37. Yangchow, M/marmer, O.O.L.
(4) Tsang Yuan Sz	張良	38. Kompo, M/female, O.O.L.
(5) Yuan Lib Poo	袁立夫	46. Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.
(6) Sau Hwai Pao	蘇懷寶	33. Kompo, S/shoemaker, Perry Road.
(7) Lieu Sz Kai	劉世凱	46. Kompo, M/coolie, (?) Perry Rd.
(8) Wong Siau Wu Te	黃小五子	26. Taichow, M/marmer, Perry Road.
(9) Sau Han Yuen	蘇漢雲	31. Wusih, M/coolie, 1406 Perry Rd.
(10) See Sz Ling	徐林	35. Anhwei, M/coolie, Chapei.
(11) Nyih Ong Shing	易興	37. Anhwei, M/coolie, No.12 Yeong Ching Li, off Morrison Road.
(12) Tseu Ah Nyi	周阿尼	26. Kompo, S/coolie, Chapei.
(13) S Tsung Sing	施傳信	24. Kompo, M/coolie, No.12 Wenquin Road.
(14) Muu Hwa Kee	毛花喜	36. Taichow, M/coolie, O.O.L.
(15) Kyi Kyi Sung	祁秋生	32. Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.
(16) Tsang Ah Nyi	張阿二	16. Kompo, S/coolie, O.O.L.
(17) Lieu Tsang Sz	劉龍	35. Kompo, M/Female, O.O.L.
(18) Tseu Woo Sz	周勇	39. Kompo, M/Female, O.O.L.
(19) See Kyi Ziang	希基強	15. Kompo, S/Unemployed, O.O.L.
(20) Au Tseu Sz	歐朱氏	59. Kompo, M/Female, Perry Road.
(21) Sung See Te	陳錦才	12. Kompo, S/Female, O.O.L.

(II) Attempted Riot at Dong Fah Ziang (同發祥) Rice Shop, 1426 Perry Rd  
At about 9.07 p.m. on 16.12.39. Manager Woo Nyeh Dong (吳玉堂).

1 male Chinese arrested:

(22) Wong Teh Hooe (汪德春), 41, Anhwei, S/coolie, straw hat  
Yah S Loong, off Perry Road.

Urgent

Return of disturbances in connection with Rice Shortage.

6 a.m. December 16

to 6 a.m. December 17

D.T. Crawford. (Personal).

Station.

<u>Time &amp; Date</u>	<u>Place or Address</u>	<u>Place Name, Shop, or other name</u>	<u>Quantities Stolen</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number of Arrests</u>
10.25a.m. 16-12-39	667 Jessfield Rd. x	Rice shop	Nil	-	Nil
10.25a.m. 16-12-39	601 Gt. Western Rd.x	do	Nil	-	Nil
10.40a.m. 16-12-39	F.B. 866 Ave. Haig x	do	35 piculs	\$1.200	Nil
11.10a.m. 16-12-39	69 Hart Road	do	Nil	-	Nil
11.10a.m. 16-12-39	100 Annam Road	do	Nil	-	Nil
11.45a.m. 16-12-39	32 Annam Read	do	70 piculs rice. 30 bags flour (3 bags rice re- covered)	\$3040	5 arrests.
12.45p.m. 16-12-39	2046 B'Well Rd. x	do	4 sacks rice about 4 piculs	\$70.00	Nil
3.30p.m. 16-12-39	283 Hart Road	do	30 piculs rice ( $\frac{1}{2}$ sack recovered)	\$1,300	4 arrests

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J.M. Farlane  
C.I.C.

X Indicates O.O.L. but S.M.C. rate-payer.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Misc. File No. 982/39.

## REPORT

Louza Station,  
Date Dec. 16th, 1939.

Subject Disturbance and Rice Shop.

Made by D.S. Park

Forwarded by W. J. Tracy, Supt.

Sir,

At 2.15.p.m. 16-12-39, a telephone message was received from the 84 Amoy Road reporting a crowd of people raiding a rice shop, above address.

A party of Police led by Inspt. Ware consisting of F.P.S. Medly, C.D.S.110, C.D.C.224 and the undersigned attended and ascertained the following.

At about 2.10.p.m. 16-12-39, the Woong Koong (Wong Ching) Rice Shop at 84 Amoy Road owned by Wong Ching Tsuo (Wong Kip) was attacked by about 40 women and children of the beggar class, who rushed into the open front door of the shop and with the use of scoops and small bags succeeded in carrying away about one picul of rice value \$35.00.

The raiders had absconded just prior to the arrival of the Police. Consequently no arrests were made.

C.P.C.636 was posted at the above shop.

*E.P. Park*  
D.S.117.  
C.D.S.110.  
C.D.C.224.

*W. J. Tracy*  
Supt. Det. c Louza.

D.D.O."A" Div.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. D. S. O. REGISTRY  
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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

"A" Division.

CRIME REGISTER No.:— 1800/39.

Chongtu-Road Police Station.  
January 19 1940.

Diary Number:-	2 and final	Nature of Offence:-	21
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	a.m. 18/12/39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	S. S. D. Court.

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The ten accused were arraigned before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. 18/12/39 when, after the evidence had been heard, the following judgment was pronounced :—

"Each three months' imprisonment suspended for two years for snatching. Property to be returned to owner."

Case concluded.

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D. S. 20

Sen. Dot. 1/c. *[Signature]*

D. O. "A"

D. D. O. "A"

Officer 1/c, Sp. Br.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

N.S.B.D. 8037/1939-2  
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T.R.A. Division  
Chengtu Road Police Station.  
December 16, 1939.

Crime Register No. Q.QQ/3.9....

Diary Number 4.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:— 21

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. 16/12/39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	14 Chungking Road, 125 Chengtu Road, 191 Taku Road and 66 Taku Road. Detective Office.
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	(1) San Meu (三毛) Rice Shop 125 Chengtu Road. (2) Yue Sung (悦生) Rice Shop 191 Taku Road. (3) Chiang Hsing (江兴) Rice Shop 66 Taku Road.
Time and date of offence.	(1) 10.55a.m. 16/12/39 (2) 11.20a.m. 16/12/39 (3) 11.40a.m. 16/12/39.
" " " reported.	(1) 10.56a.m. " (2) " (3) 11.41a.m. 16/12/39.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	(1) Wong Yoong Kwen (王永坤) Shop-master. (2) Yue Sung (悦生) " " 16/12/39. (3) Koong Yue Ziang (孔月祥) *
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Ten arrested and charged.
(1) Wong Chien Sz (2) Wong Sz Kung (3) Tsih Ts Loong (4) Bi Yoong Heng (5) Ts Siao Mei (6) Nyuc Kyung Kong (7) Wong Ts Ping (8) Woo Zeu Liang (9) Koo Yue Sai (10) Chiang Tseng Yuen	(1) 36, Zangzoh, M/ female, 6/Fong Ka Zah, Chengtu Rd. (2) 23, Soochow, M/hawker, Lane 219 Taku Road. (3) 23, Zaushing, M/shop assistant, 215 Rue Ratard. (4) 34, Tungchow, M/coolie, Lane 117 Chengtu Road. (5) 41, Ningpo, M/coolie, 11/117 Chengtu Road. (6) 37, Soochow, M/Unemployed, 2 Moh An Li, Taku Rd. (7) 25, Ningpo, M/Unemployed, 7 Taku Road. (8) 34, Tanyang, M/tailor, 63 Taku Road. (9) 54, Zaushing, S/Unemployed, N.F.A. (10) 36, Yangchow, M/Unemployed, N.F.A.
Arrests.	

Ten by Uniform and Detective Parties.

Classification of property stolen.	40 sacks of flour	Value \$ 400.00.
Classification of property recovered.	One sack of flour	Value \$ 10.00
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.		

## Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (tools etc.)
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)

Concerted mob attacks on rice shops.

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises ?  
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?  
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?  
(m) What was their "characters" ?  
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?  
(o) Are old servants suspected ?  
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

D.C. (S/P/C) (Signature)  
Information  
Rec'd D.S.

Enquiries by D.S. Taylor and C.D.C. 26.

Owing to the tense situation prevailing, due to the excessive price of rice and other commodities, precautionary measures were adopted with a view to preventing breaches of the peace. C.P.C.s were posted at all rice shops in the district with instructions to immediately inform the station, where reserves were standing-by, in the event of large crowds collecting in the vicinity of rice shops and refusing to disperse, when ordered to do so by the officers on duty at these places.

At 10.33 a.m. 16-12-39 telephone message (St. Tel. Box 5) was received from C.P.S. 491, on behalf of C.P.C. 976 reporting that a large crowd of male and female Chinese had collected in the vicinity of the Ziang Zung (譚錦成) Rice shop, 12-14 Chungking Road. The C.P.C. had ordered the loiterers to disperse but they moved from one place to another and remained. He further reported that the crowd was starting to get out of hand and he expected a disturbance.

S.I.s Moffat and Wilkinson, Inspector Yao Chia Kwei, D.S. Taylor and party of Uniform and detectives immediately proceeded to the scene and dispersed the mob, without any untoward incident. The shop was instructed to put up their wooden shutters and to make transactions through the small grille window. Police were reinforced at this place and the party left to visit other rice shops in the district.

Whilst returning to the station, it was observed

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:-	1/3	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

that there were a large number of idlers on Chengtu Road in the vicinity of Taku Road, ostensibly watching the erection of Shanghai Power Co. transmission wires and poles; but as this crowd was collected not far from a rice shop they were ordered to disperse, an extra C.P.S. was posted on the San Meu (三茂) Rice shop, 125-7 Chengtu Road and the proprietor was advised to put up his wooden shutters. The Police party returned to the station.

Meanwhile, Inspector Lees and S.I. Wilkinson had been making a tour of rice-shops in the district on the station motor-cycle and were coming along Chengtu Road from Taku Road when they observed a large crowd of over a hundred persons making a concerted rush on the San Meu Rice-shop (who had ignored Police advice to close their shutters). The Officer i/c and S.I. Wilkinson immediately went to the assistance of the Chinese Police on duty and a call was put through to the station for reinforcements.

This call was received at 10.56 a.m. 16-12-39, S.I. Moffat, D.S. Taylor and party immediately responded. The 1st accused Wong Chien Sz was arrested in the Yung Ka Zah (永嘉室) alleyway opposite the rice shop in the act of concealing a bag of flour under some sacks of lime. The 2nd and 3rd accused Wong Sz Kung and Tsui

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

..... Division.

..... Police Station.

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Diary Number:—	1/4	Nature of Offence:—
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Ts Loong were arrested by Inspector Lees and S.I. Wilkinson in the rice shop actually in the act of carrying out sacks of flour. The 4th and 5th accused were arrested in the vicinity and both were covered with flour all over their clothes showing that they had participated in the riot.

After the crowd had been dispersed and order restored the San Meu rice shop checked their stocks and found a loss of 40 bags of flour each weighing 49 lbs and to the total value of \$400.00, had been forcibly removed from the shop,

It was noticed that during this raid, there were not a few students mingling with the crowd and one student Fee Kyi Sung (費基昇), 27, Shanghai, M/student, San Woo (三友) University Night School, Jinkee Road, residing at 10/47 Chengtu Road was arrested and brought to the station for enquiries. He was later released, as there was not sufficient evidence to establish definite connection with the riot.

At 11.20 a.m. 16-12-39 telephone message was received from C.P.C. 931 reporting that a menacing crowd was collecting in the vicinity of the Yue Sung (月昇) Rice shop, 191 Taku Road where rice was being unloaded from a motor-truck into the shop.

The Officer i/c and party of Police immediately

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.:—

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:— 1/5

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

attended and dispersed the crowd as they were just in the act of attacking the rice laden truck. The 6th accused Nyue Kyung Kong was arrested at this scene when he was found in possession of several handfuls of rice.

Another suspect Zung Ping Kwang (張平康), 28, Kompo, M/ Shanghai Tramways Conductor No. 373 residing 52/142 Taku Road was arrested in this vicinity but was later released from the station for lack of conclusive evidence.

At 11.41 a.m. 16-12-39 telephone message was received from 66 Taku Road the Chiang Hsing (江興) Rice shop reporting that a mob were breaking down the doors of the shop.

Police party immediately attended and arrested the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th accused all of whom had in their possession small quantities of rice, which had been robbed from the rice bins after the shutters were broken down. The 7th accused was arrested by S.I. Wilkinson in the act of pulling a sack of rice out through the broken front of the shop.

Owing to the prompt arrival of the Police party only a few handfuls of rice was lost from this shop but the proprietor estimated the damage to the wooden shutters at approximately \$10.00.

All of the above mentioned ten accused were defi-

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.:—

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:— 1/6

Nature of Offence:—

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

nitely concerned in the rioting, robbing and damaging of the rice shops enumerated above, particular care being taken to establish proof of guilt before charging. As will be noted from the report, several suspects arrested at the scenes although believed to be concerned were released for lack of conclusive evidence.

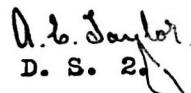
The Special Branch were kept informed of the occurrences at the times of their incidence.

The D.O. "A" and D.D.O. "A" were kept informed and all Senior Officers.

The 10 accused have been charged on the instructions of the D.O. "A" and will be arraigned before the S.S. D. Court on the a.m. 18-12-39 for trial.



D. O. "A"


  
D. S. 2

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Branch

SUMMARY OF DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RICE SITUATION, CHENGDU RD. DIST.

No. & Date	Place or Address	Rice shop or Motor truck	Quantity stolen	Value	No. of Arrests	F.I.R. No.
1 10.30a.m. 16th	Zhang Zung (張忠), 14, Chungking Road.	Rice shop.	Nil. Menacing crowds dis- persed by Police.	--	--	--
2 10.50a.m. 16th	San Hsu (三虎), 125-7 Chengtu Road.	Riceshop.	40 sacks of flour \$400.00 each 40 lbs.	Five, 4 male 1 female.	1800/39	
3 11.20a.m. 16th	Yue Sung (月昇), 191 Taku Road.	Motor truck	Nil. Menacing crowds disper- sed by Police.	--	One male Chinese	- ditto -
4 11.40a.m. 16th	Chiang Hsing (江興), 64-6 Taku Road.	Rice shop	Nil. Shutters of shop damag- ed.	\$10.00	Four male Chinese	- ditto -
5 11.50a.m. 16th	Taku Road near Mehawk Road.	Vicinity of rice shops.	Nil, Menacing crowds disper- sed by Police.	--	One man (Later released)	--

Sen. Det. i/c

Poole Road

F.I.R. 1692/39.

17.12.39.

At 7.30 a.m., 17.12.39, the complainant Yuen Ching Yung (袁景榮), the proprietor of the Yuen Nyi Shing (元義興) Flour Shop, 977 Ferry Road, came to the station and reported that at 6.55 a.m. even date, shortly after his assistants opened the shop for business, between 30 to 40 male Chinese entered the shop and stole 12 sacks of flour value \$100.00.

Three C.P.Cs. 2235, 1479, 1896 (Night Duty) posted at rice shops Nos. 937, 971, 1013, 1051 Ferry Road in the near vicinity of the looting, were for some unknown reason unaware of the crime that had taken place. No arrests made.

Case respectfully submitted for classification.

T. Lawrence

D.S. 141.

Sen. Det. 1/c.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

D.G. Sp. Branch

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Sp. Warden  
12/12  
R.W. 12/12

J. R.

D. J. Crawford.

Return of disturbances in connection with Rice Shortage.    6 a.m. December 17 to    6 a.m. December 18

<u>Time &amp; Date</u>	<u>Place or Address</u>	<u>Rice Shop, Shop or from Vehicle</u>	<u>Quantity Stolen</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Number of Arrests</u>
2 p.m. 17/12/39	63 Seymour Road	Rice Shop	Small quantity of rice	\$ 6.00.	Vil
2.10 p.m. 17/12/39	628 Weinaiwei Road	-do-	20 piculs rice (small quantity value \$6.00 recovered).	\$700.00	4 arrests

On  
18/12

X Indicates O.O.L. but C.M.C. rate-payer.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## CRIME DIARY.

2150/39.

Crime Register No. ....

No. S. D. 8379/SC-2

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19/12/39

West Hongkew

Police Station.

December 16th

39.

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Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:— 40.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	10 a.m.— 12 noon 16-12-39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	200 Kaifeng Road & Detective Office.
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	200 Kaifeng Road.		
Time and date of offence.	At 9.55 a.m. 16-12-39.		
" " reported.	At 10 a.m. 16-12-39.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Wong Kou Tseng (王國正), shop assistant, 200 Kaifeng Road.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<u>Two arrested and charged</u> (1) Woo Shee Jiang (胡世強) age 27, Kowpo, M/riceha coolie, Lane 4 House 57, N. Thibet Rd. (2) Chung Ying Loong (鍾英龍) age 43, Tsungming, M/riceha coolie, No.20 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.		
Arrests.	Two by Uniform & Detective Branches.		
Classification of property stolen.	5 Sacks of rice. Value \$ 175.00.		
Classification of property recovered.	Value \$		
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.	(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.		
Entered on Crime Index.	<i>S.I.</i> <i>C.I.</i> <i>28/12/39</i>		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (l) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)		
Stealing rice from a rice shop by a crowd of people.			

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants ?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
- (m) What was their "characters" ?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
- (o) Are old servants suspected ?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 10 a.m. 16-12-39, a telephone message was received at the station through C.C.R. reporting to the effect that a number of loafers were looting rice from the Zung Chong Rice Shop (中興米店) situated at No.200 Kaifeng Road.

A party of police under officer in charge immediately attended on arrival, it was found that a large number of people had gathered outside the said rice shop, the majority of whom were interested onlookers.

At the moment of arrival of police, a number of people, who were crowding the shop, escaped in different directions. The following named persons were apprehended actually inside the shop:-

- (1) Sue Lee Sui (施李氏), age 45, Kompo, M/female, Ching Ka Hong off Kiao Chow Rd.
- (2) Jao Ming Sui (喬明氏), age 25, Kompo, M/female, 12 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.
- (3) Ming Cho Tso (明焯氏), age 15, Kompo, S/female, Chapei.
- (4) Tan Tsoo Sui (譚超氏), age 27, Wusih, M/female, 10 Kaifeng Lee, Kaifeng Rd.
- (5) Deng Zau Ling (鄧佐榮), age 43, Tungchow, M/carpenter, 107 Winchester Rd.
- (6) Tse Hong She (赤洪氏) age 15, Kompo, S/brass-smith, 15 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.
- (7) Zien Yu Pee (甄玉芝) age 10, Kompo, S/rag picker, Straw hut off Yenping Rd.
- (8) Woo She Jang (伍世長) age 27, Kompo, M/ricksha coolie, Lane 4 House 57 N.Thibet Rd.
- (9) Zung Ying Loong (中興龍) age 43, Tsungking, M/ricksha coolie, No.20 Yah Shing Lee, Kaifeng Rd.

The first four named females have been released after enquiries revealed that they were actually inside the shop for the purpose of purchasing rice.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

2150/39.

"C"  
West Hongkew Division.  
December 16th 1939.  
Police Station.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

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Nature of Offence:- 40.

Diary Number:-	Places visited in course of investigation each day
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The 5th, 6th & 7th named will be released after curfew hours, these people being of the beggars class against whom no evidence of attempting larceny can be obtained.

With the regards to the 8th and 9th named, hereinafter referred to as the 1st & the 2nd accused, have been definitely identified by the shop assistants named Wong Kou Tseng (王國成) and Sung Ping Yuen (宋平元) as those who were actually attempting to steal the rice which was stored in sacks and piled against the rear walls of the shop. There two men were seen to pull the sacks and to open same, thereby allowing many persons, who had escaped, to steal the rice.

The complainant reports that in all, 5 sacks of rice valued at approximately \$175.00 was stolen by these unknown persons.

On instruction of D.O."C" the 1st and 2nd accused have been charged with contrary to Art. 321 of C.C.C. and will before the S.S.D.Court on 18-12-39.

Arrangements have been made by the officer in charge West Hongkew with regarding to the warning of the rice shop owners to keep their front door secured

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

"C"

2150/39.

West Hongkew Division.  
December 16th Police Sta<sup>39</sup>.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

Diary Number:-

Nature of Offence:-

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.  
and to do their business through small windows.

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D.D.O. "C" Div.

D.C. Special Branch.

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B'well

15th. December, 39.

40. (Rice Looting).

5/12/39.

Scene of various offences  
and detective office.

Various rice shops in B'well District.

During 15/12/39.

See body of report.

See body of report.

A number of Chinese.

(See report).

Rice.

Rice.

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*JL* During 15/12/39 various rice-shops in B'well District were raided by mobs and rice looted. In order to simplify reports and avoid duplication of work, all have been registered under one F.I.O. No.

20A Jessfield Road, C.W.E.

At 12noon 15/12/39 one Lee Cong Chun (李 崇 春) employed at a rice-shop at 20A Jessfield Road, reported that a number of Chinese had raided his place of employment.

He stated that about 100 persons, men, women and children, had rushed the premises and stolen rice from the bins behind the counter and then cut the sacks inside the door and stolen, in all, about \$700.00 worth of rice.

The shop in question is situated C.W.E. and the looters were driven away by S.C.C. Police.

134 Hart Road.

At 2.30p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from the Ting Shing Dak (丁 呂 大) rice-shop at 134, Hart Road, reporting that a mob was looting rice from the shop.

A party of police under Insp. J. Smith attended but found on arrival that the mob had already dispersed. A search of the vicinity was conducted but no arrests were effected.

Lee Chi Tsoong (李 建 中) the proprietor stated the shutters in front of the shop were in place and at about 2.15p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of about 100 persons attacked the shop. They broke down the back door and carried off about 6 piculs of rice in sacks. Value \$500.00.

20A Jessfield Road.

At 3p.m. 15/12/39, C.P.C. 2021 brought to the

station one male and one female Chinese:

(1) ~~one~~ ah Kung (乞乞公), 21, Male,  
Hainan, s/unemployed, N.F.o.A.

(2) Wong Tsang ~~as~~ (王張), 41, Female,  
Kowloon, s/unemployed. Residing straw hut  
off Yau Ping Road

whom he had arrested for larceny of rice.

C.C.C. 3021 stated that at about 2.35p.m. 15/12/39 he was returning to his traffic post at the intersection of Seymour and Bubbling Well Roads when he observed about 50 men and women raiding the Yeong Chong (永興) rice shop at 301 Seymour Road.

He accordingly ran to the scene and endeavoured to prevent them doing so but they grew very threatening. He thereupon drew his pistol, and fired five shots into the air, to frighten the crowd. This action had the desired effect and the mob started to run away, dropping a quantity of rice in their haste, which was recovered by complainant's staff.

The officer succeeded in arresting the two above described persons but on being questioned at the station they denied having stolen any rice.

As far as is known, no persons were injured by the shots fired.

Total value of rice stolen \$400.00.

623 Edinburgh Road.

At 4.20p.m. 15/12/39, a telephone message was

received from a rice shop at 623, Edinburgh Road reporting looting of rice by a large number of persons. A party of police under Insp. J. Smith attended and managed to effect the arrest of one male Chinese who was carrying half a sack of rice.

This person proved to be Han Yau Koo (F. 3. 40), 33, Kempe, H.P.A.

Value of rice stolen \$5,000.00.

1867 Avenue Road.

At 2.35p.m. 15/12/39 one Ting To Yuen (T 17 1) shop-assistant of a rice shop at 1867 Avenue Road reported by telephone that at 3p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of about 200 men, women and children had come to the shop at which he is employed and were attempting to steal rice.

A party of police under Inspector Smith attended and there learned that the shop had been obscured with shutters which the rioters had attempted to break down. At the time of the arrival of the police party three male Chinese were seen attempting to break into the shop and were arrested. They proved to be:-

(1) Wong Tien Sun (王天顺) ✓ 17, Male, Wan Chai, H.K., residing above unit off Singapore Road.

(2) Kwong Kai Sun (孔开顺) ✓ 28, Male, Tung Chung, S.Y., unemployed before.

(3) Kee Tsoong Zung (基仲宗), 36, Male, Kungpo,  
K/Ricca Cecile, residing straw hut off  
Siama Road.

Shop 454 Nos. 5 Edinburgh Road.

At 5.30p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from above premises reporting looting in progress.

A party of police under Insp. Smith proceeded there and on arrival saw several hundred people stealing rice from the shop.

The culprits ran away on the approach of the S.M. Police party, who were prevented from making enquiries by S.C.O. Police.

On Edinburgh Road however the police party saw two male Chinese pulling a sack containing about 1/4 picul of rice and they were accordingly brought to the station.

The two men are:-

(1) Wong To Hing (黃德興), 44,  
Residence, K/Elmer Victorian, 519  
Edinburgh Road.

(2) Sun Kai Lung (徐海林), 44,  
Postman. K/Unemployed.  
5 Edinburgh Road.

These two persons on being questioned stated they found the rice on the road.

Siama Road.

At 5.30p.m. 15/12/39 C.P.C. 1675 brought to the

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station two male Chinese:-

(1) Tsang Ding Kong (張定孔), 39, Kam-po,  
W/Coolie, Liachow Road.

(2) Yam You Sung (吳有生), 19, Kam-po,  
W/Coolie, Straw hat, Yenping Road.

whom he had arrested on Ferry Road near Minna Road at request of a coolie Hau Tuh sei (侯德才), who had reported that a large number of men (about 50) had stolen 6 piculs of rice from a handcart on which he was transporting. The two arrested persons were amongst those who participated in the robbery. Value of rice stolen \$240.00.

Rice is the property of the Deeng Tseng (正) Rice Shop, 7 Burkill Road.

1900 Minna Road.

At 3.20 p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from above premises to the effect that looting was in progress.

A party of police attended but found the looters had dispersed prior to their arrival.

About \$100.00 worth of rice had been stolen by approximately ten culprits.

1100 Minna Road.

At 4.45 p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from the above premises reporting looting of rice in progress.

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A party of police attended but found the sectars had gone prior to their arrival.

Enquiries learned that approximately \$3.00 worth of rice had been stolen by about ten men.

323 and 502 Broken Road.

At 3.20 p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from an unknown person reporting rice looting at above two shops.

Two parties of police, one under Inspt. Smith and one under S.I. Daintry, attended but learned on arrival that no looting had taken place. Crowds had gathered in a threatening manner but had dispersed prior to the arrival of police.

On instructions of Mr. Yerke, D.D.O. "B", no charges have been preferred against the arrested persons, who will be detained until 5 a.m. 16/12/39 and then released.

P.A. Young,  
S.S.A. I. II

Gen. D.P.O. b/r

D.D.O. "B" DIV.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

No. S. D.  
"B"

Tianan Police Station.

15th December, 1939

Crime Register No. 74/9

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence - 39 / 39 (A. 56)

Time at which investigation began and concluded each day

INVESTIGATIVE DIARY

Places visited in course of investigation each day.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.

WEDDING HALL ON TIANAN DISTRICT.

Time and date of offence.  
as reported.

Reported on 15th Dec. 1939.

Name, occupation and address of complainant.

Reported on 15th Dec. 1939.

Number of criminals with full individual description.

Additional and detailed information to be given in the diary.

## Arrests.

Classification of property stolen.

Rice

Value \$

Classification of property recovered.

Rice

Value \$

In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.

- (a) Time and date body was discovered.
- (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.
- (c) Apparent cause of death.
- (d) Motive if known.

Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.

In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.

- (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.
- (f) Means used (Tools etc.).
- (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.
- (h) Mode of transport and description.
- (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dogs, paraking of etc.).

The Chinese mob being incensed regarding the extortionate price, tried to snatch rice from the rice shop.

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants ?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
- (m) What was their "characters" ?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
- (o) Are old servants suspected ?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 3.14 p.m. 16/12/39, a telephone message was received from the Lee Yeeung Ning Rice Shop, no. 512 Tatung Road to the effect that a crowd of Chinese were snatching rice.

A party of Police under the Inspector i/c attended and arrested 6 male and 3 female Chinese who were subsequently released at 5 p.m. 16/12/39.

The complainant Kyung Yung Ning reported that rice to the value of \$900.00 had been stolen and only rice to the value of \$20.00 was recovered from the arrested persons, the names of whom are as follows:-

1. Wong Fa Chong (王發強), 40, Kompo, b/Coolie.
2. Tung Yeeung Kwong (董英光), 44, Kompo, b/Hawker.
3. Tung Yee Yick (董益益), 20, Kompo, S/Coolie.
4. Tung Ying Long (董英龍), 22, Hainan, S/Waiter.
5. Li Chi Tsui (李志輝), 31, Kompo, b/Female.
6. Lau To Tsui (劉土輝), 35, Kompo, b/Female.
7. Ho Tsui Wu (霍翠梧), 26, Kompo, b/Female.
8. Li Siau Fan (李少芬), 34, Fungchow, b/Coolie.

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At 4 p.m. 16/12/39 a telephone message was received from the Wong Yue Rice Shop, 820 Avenue Road, to the effect that about 40 persons were looting rice

A Police party under the Inspector, i/c immediately proceeded to the scene, but on arrival it was found that D.S. Balcock, attached to Gordon Road Station, had already been on the scene and scattered the mob, arresting two persons who were subsequently released at 5 p.m. 16/12/39.

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Sinza

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The complainant Kyung Loong Liang reports that two piculs of rice to the value of \$80.00 was stolen.

80 cents worth of rice was found in the basket of <sup>of the</sup> the 1st arrested persons, the names of whom are as follows:-

1. Wong Ah Nyi (Wong Ah Nyi); 36, Taichow,  
S/Unemployed, H.F.A.
2. Lieu Koong Sz (Liu Kung Sze); 33, Yangchow,  
M/Female, 26 Kyuin Ts Li off Tsang Ka Zan Road.

Both of the arrested persons denied being concerned in looting the rice.

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At 4.15 p.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from the Yue Tai Kong Rice Shop, 372 Medhurst Road to the effect that a Chinese mob was snatching rice from the premises.

A Police Party attended but the mob had dispersed before their arrival after stealing a bag of rice, valued \$38.00.

Complainant Kee Pah Yoong, shop-master.

No arrests.

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At 4.50 p.m. 15/12/39 a further call was received from the Kyu Yoong Keong Rice Shop, 923 Sinza Road, but the Police Party arrived on the scene before any rice could be stolen and the mob was dispersed.

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Complainant Wong Yih Zung, Shopmaster.

No arrests.

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At 4.53 p.m. 16/12/39, a further call was received from the Lon Tsung Woo Rice Shop, 932 Sinza Road, but the Police Party arrived on the scene before any rice could be stolen and the mob was dispersed.

Complainant Zung Kyi Yeong, shop-master.

No arrests.

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A further call was received from the Tien Foh Koong Rice Shop, 886 Sinza Road at 4.55 p.m. 16/12/39, but the Police Party arrived on the scene before any rice could be stolen and the mob was dispersed.

Complainant Wong Hung Kyi, Shopmaster.

No arrests.

D.C. Sp. Branch

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D.D.O. "B"

*Mad*  
Sen. Det. 1/c

*J. Bardeey*  
D.S. 244.

In all the aforementioned cases it was ascertained that the mob had become incensed because of the rice shop owners refusing to sell small quantities of rice to their customers.

Only the prompt action by C.P.C.s in the vicinity of the shops on Sinza Road prevented the loss of rice from the premises.

All rice shops in the district closed at 5 P.M. and there was no untoward incidence occurred after that hour.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

1676/39.

Crime Register No. ....

No. S. B. D.

Date "R" Division  
Tottenham Road Police Station  
14.12.39.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:- 40.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	5:30 p.m.-10 p.m. 14.12.39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day  Scene of crime. Set. Office.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Zung Tai (忠泰) Rice Shop, No.1789 Robison Road.
Time and date of offence.	At 5:10 p.m. 14.12.39.
..... reported.	At 5:30 p.m. 14.12.39.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Lieu Kyi Zien (羅錦森), Manager, above address.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Four male Chinese arrested and charged:-  1. Tsang Van Joo (張萬均), 31, Kompo, S/hawker, residing No.3472 Wart Road. 2. Ho Tung Yue (烏東裕), 50, Kompo, S/coolie, residing No.102 Tung Ying Li, Macro Road. 3. Wong Yue Kiang (黃友江), 44, Shantung, S/hawker, residing Q.O.L. 4. Han Siau Er Te (韓少子), 19, Kompo, S/unemployed, ".

Arrests	Four by Uniform Party.
Classification of property stolen.	111 sacks of rice.
	Value \$ 1,665.00.
Classification of property recovered.	11 sacks of rice.
	Value \$ 165.00.

In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.	-----
(a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	Larceny of rice by a large number of persons.
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered. If known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.	
(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar art (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.).	

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- (j) What staff employed on premises ?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants ?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
- (m) What was their "characters" ?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
- (o) Are old servants suspected ?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 5:30 p.m. 14.12.39., a telephone message was received from the Zung Tai (忠記) Rice Shop, No.1789 Robison Road, to the effect that a large crowd were stealing rice.

The Station alarm was sounded and a party of police and detectives with Inspector Watson i/c. attended.

On the arrival of the police party, the thieves had already been dispersed by P.S. 84 Vankoff and a uniform search party and Hav. Trooper 503, Sikh Troopers 382, 424, 123 and 658, who arrived on the scene a few minutes previously.

Hav. 503 and Sikh Trooper 382 effected the arrest of the 1st and 2nd accused about 100 yards from the rice shop in the act of taking away a sack of rice.

An immediate search of the vicinity resulted in F.S. 363 MacAulay arresting the 3rd and 4th accused in a nearby alleyway with a sack of rice in their possession. Nine other sacks of rice were found abandoned on the roadway and in adjoining alleyways.

One named Tsau Ching Fong (蔡金方), age 42, native of Chinkiang, M/hawker, residing No.1606 Hart Road, was arrested by P.S. Vankoff on suspicion of being concerned, but was released on completion of enquiries.

Further enquiries by detectives revealed that at about 5:10 p.m. even date, about 20 to 30 persons of the poor class came to the complainant's shop and asked for rice and on being refused, rushed into

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.: 1676/39.

"B" Division.  
Footoo Road Police Station.  
14.12.39. 19

Diary Number:	1	Nature of Offence:
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

the store room at the rear of the shop and commenced to pull down sacks of rice and dragged them outside.

By this time, a large crowd of people had gathered round the shop and immediately proceeded to fill baskets and small sacks from the rice bins at the shop counter and others entered the store room.

The complainant and his shop assistants were unable to offer any resistance and by the time the first police party arrived on the scene, many sacks of rice had been taken away.

On the complainant checking the rice stock, it was discovered that 111 sacks of rice had been stolen, which included those recovered by the police.

Mr. Yorke, D.O."B" was informed and issued instructions to place C.P.C.s on all rice shops and bongs in the district.

Message circulated.

The accused are charged accordingly and will appear before the S.S.D. Court on 15.12.39. A.M.

  
H. J. Lawrence  
D.S. 141.

  
S. S. T. i/c.

D.D.O."B" Division.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:- 1676/39.

"B" Division,  
Pootoo Road Police Station.  
15.12.39. 19

Diary Number:	2	Nature of Offence:	40.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	15.12.39. A.M.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	S.S.D.Court.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The four accused in this case were arraigned before the S.S.D.Court on the a.m. of 15.12.39. when at the conclusion of the hearing, they were sentenced as follows:-

1st, 2nd and 4th accused - Each three months' imprisonment, suspended for three years.

3rd accused - Three months' imprisonment.

*Mr Lawrence*  
D.S. 141.

*H.L.*  
Sen. Det. I.C.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

No. S. B. D. 6039A/50  
Date

At 5.48 p.m. on 15.12.39. a telephone message was received from the Dong Meu (同舟) Rice Shop, No. 959 Ferry Road, to the effect that a mob of people were raiding the premises for the purpose of stealing rice. A party under Officer i/c attended to find a large crowd collected in front of the shop, these people dispersed on the approach of the police, but none were found to have possession of rice. It appears that the actual culprits had been disturbed at work by C.P.C. 1300 but had succeeded in stealing 10 bags of rice value \$350.00.

The entire district in the vicinity of the shop searched by the party without any arrest or recovery being made.

At 5.20 p.m. even date, an receipt of a telephone message from the Zang Tai (長泰) Rice Shop, No. 401 Robison Road, O.O.L. a party under Inspector Watson attended to find a crowd of people milling round the front of the shop, they having torn down a iron grille and shutters. The mob was dispersed and twelve men namely:

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|-----------------------|-------|---|
| (1) Tsang Shing Fong  | (張興方) | 34, Nanking, S/assistant,<br>437 Robison Road.      |
| (2) Lee Sing Yah      | (李心霞) | 38, Anhwei, M/coolie, 8 Robison Rd.                 |
| (3) Wong Yue Leu      | (王月樓) | 26, Kompo, M/ricesha coolie, O.O.L.                 |
| (4) Woo Vee Pau       | (吳維富) | 16, Kompo, M/coolie, 437 Robison<br>Road.           |
| (5) Zee Koh Ching     | (蔡國慶) | 27, Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.                         |
| (6) Yue Ching Hwa     | (余慶華) | 23, Kompo, M/coolie, O.O.L.                         |
| (7) Waung Ching Daung | (王慶堂) | 32, Kompo, M/shop assistant,<br>354 Robison Road.   |
| (8) Yao Zeui Kwei     | (姚瑞奎) | 17, Kompo, S/coolie, straw hut<br>off Robison Road. |
| (9) Toong Yuen Loong  | (童云龍) | 41, Kompo, M/coolie, 1 Yung An<br>Li, Robison Road. |
| (10) Zung Woo Pao     | (陳和友) | 19, Kompo, S/apprentice, 369<br>Robison Road.       |
| (11) Teang Vung Kyi   | (蔭文基) | 17, Kompo, S/coolie, Robison Rd.                    |
| (12) Wong Kee Fah     | (黃記發) | 30, Kompo, S/coolie, Robison Rd.                    |

who being unable to escape, were found concealed amongst stacks of and bagged rice, brought to the station.

Ten sacks of rice value \$300.00 are reported to have been stolen from this shop.

On the instructions of D.O. "B" the twelve men arrested will be detained overnight and released on the a.m. of 16.12.39.

In view of the fact that no arrests or recovery is contemplated, I beg to suggest that these cases be classified and filed for future reference.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. I. REGISTRY

No. S. I. D. 80379510-1

Date 18/12/39

Division

Gordon Road Police Station

December 15th, 1939.

Crime Register No. 2313, 39.

## CRIME DIARY.

Diary Number 1.

(Sheet No. 1.)

Nature of Offence:—

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	7.10 am - 9.55 pm 15/12/39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Various rice shops in Gordon Road District and on Roads O.O.L. Detective Office.
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Various rice shops in Gordon Road District and on O.O.L. Roads.		
Time and date of offence.	<u>Between 7.10 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. 15/12/39.</u>		
" " " reported.	<u>At 8.30 p.m. 15/12/39.</u>		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Various rice shop masters in Gordon Road District and on O.O.L. roads.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<u>24 male Chinese and 18 female Chinese arrested and detained until 4.30 a.m. 16/12/39 when they were all released.</u>		
Arrests.	<u>42 by uniform and detective branches.</u>		
Classification of property stolen.	Rice	Value \$1530.00	
Classification of property recovered.	Rice.	Value \$710.00	
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	---		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	M.O.		
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Mobs attacked various rice shops and snatched rice.		

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

(1) At 7.10 a.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Chang Tsang (祥昌) Rice Shop 76 Singapore Road and stole rice to the value of \$500.- Rice to the value of \$200.00 was recovered from the roadway. Total value of rice not recovered \$300.00.

Three male and two female Chinese were arrested in the act of snatching the rice.

(2) At 10.30 a.m. 15/12/39 a telephone message was received from the Dah Chang (大昌) Rice Shop 257 Singapore Road C.O.L. to the effect that the shop was being attacked.

A party of police immediately attended and found that nothing had been stolen and the mob was dispersed. No arrests.

(3) At 12.15 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Kung Zung (公忠) Rice Shop 184 Yenping Road and stole rice to the value of \$60.00. Rice to the value of \$20.00 was recovered from the roadway. Total value of rice not recovered \$40.00.

Four female Chinese were arrested in the act of snatching rice.

(4) At 12.25 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Wei Tai (味泰) Rice Shop 860 Connaught Road and stole rice to the value \$120.00. Rice to the value of \$100.00 was recovered from the roadway. Total value of rice not recovered \$20.00.

One male Chinese was arrested in the act of snatching rice.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

.....Division.

.....Police Station.

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Diary Number:- 1/3.

Nature of Offence:- 39.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

(5) At 12.25 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Moh Dah Tsang (摩打堂) Rice Shop 651 Hart Road.

Mob were dispersed by police. Nothing stolen.

(6) At 12.25 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked a rice shop at 634 Hart Road but were dispersed by police before anything had been stolen.

(7) At 12.25 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked a rice shop at 694 Hart Road but were dispersed by police before anything had been stolen.

(8) At 4.00 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Oong Fah (永發) Rice Shop Lane 391/1107 Haiphong Road and stole rice to the value of \$700.00. Rice to the value of \$300.00 was recovered from inside the lane. Total value of rice not recovered \$400.00.

Six male and nine female Chinese were arrested inside the shop in the act of snatching rice.

(9) At 4 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Tah Foong (達豐) Rice Shop 322 Wuting Road but were dispersed by Police before anything had been stolen.

Five male and one female Chinese were arrested by a police party whilst attempting to snatch rice from the premises.

(10) At 5.15 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

### CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

.....Division.

.....Police Station.

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Diary Number:- 1/4.

Nature of Offence:- 39.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	
RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.			

the Lau Yoong Yuen (老友記) Rice Shop 1309 Penang Road and attempted to force open the doors, they were however dispersed by police from Pootoo Road Station before anything had been stolen.

Prior to the arrival of a Police party from Gordon Road Station a party from Pootoo Road Station arrived on the scene and, whilst dispersing the mob, all of whom stampeded into a nearby alleyway, one female Chinese was killed, four female and one male Chinese received minor injuries by being trampled on by the fleeing mob.

The details re the death and injuries sustained by the above persons are contained in Misc. Report No. 472/39.

Four male and two female Chinese were arrested by the Police Party from Pootoo Road Station whilst they were attempting to force the door of the godown.

(11) At 5.55 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese attacked the Soong Zung (松盛) Rice Shop 55 Singapore Road O.O.L.

A S.C.G.P. Bureau Constable No. 162, who was patrolling nearby, fired one shot into the air from his service rifle and the mob dispersed before anything had been stolen.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No: -

.....Division.

.....Police Station.

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Diary Number: - 1/5.

Nature of Offence: - 39.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

(12) At 5.15 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob again attacked the Tah Foong (達丰) Rice Shop 322 Wuting Road and stole rice to the value of \$150.00. Rice to the value of \$90.00 was recovered from the roadway by police who dispersed the mob. The total value of rice not recovered being \$60.00.

Two male Chinese were arrested whilst snatching rice.

(13) At 6 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob of Chinese again attacked the Tah Foong (達丰) Rice Shop 322 Wuting Road but were dispersed by Police before anything was stolen.

Two male Chinese were arrested in the act of attempting to force open the shop door.

(14) At 7.05 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob again attacked the above rice shop but were dispersed before anything had been stolen.

One male Chinese was arrested whilst attempting to force open the shop door.

(15) At 7.45 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob again attacked this shop and forced open the doors but were dispersed by police before anything had been stolen.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

Division.

Police Station.

19

Diary Number:- 1/6.

Nature of Offence:- 39.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

(16) At 8.30 p.m. 15/12/39 a mob again attacked the above shop but were dispersed by police before anything had been done.

The R. U. set were called to the Tah Yoong Rice Shop 322 Wuting Road by the D.O. 'B' at 5.20 p.m. 15/12/39 and after dispersing a mob who were engaged in throwing stones at the shop, they patrolled Gordon and Pootoo Road districts.

D.S. Henchman (S.I.) attended this station and questioned the arrested persons.

#### Summary:-

There are approximately 46 rice shops in Gordon Road District and mobs made 16 attacks on 11 different rice shops in various parts of the district and on roads situated O.O.L. between 7.10 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. 15/12/39.

During these attacks rice to the value of \$1,530.00 was stolen. Rice to the value of \$70.00 was recovered by police. The total value of rice not yet recovered being \$860.00.

A total of 24 male and 18 female Chinese were arrested by police whilst in the act of snatching rice

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:-

.....Division.  
.....Police Station.  
.....I9

Diary Number:-	1/7.	Nature of Offence:-	I9.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

or attempting to force their way into rice shops.

On the instructions of the D.O. 'B' the persons arrested will be detained at this station until 4.30 a.m. 16/12/39 when they will be released.

In view of the fact that the arrested persons are to be released and as the stolen rice is now unrecoverable this report is respectfully forwarded for classification and a 'final report' is attached.

J.W. H. Smith  
D.S. 21.

John Ahey A.M.  
Gen. Det. S.C.

D.O.O. "B" Div.

D.C. S.P. Branch.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

M.I.C.O. 478/39.  
S. U. REGISTRY

Opener 310 D 8039/15/C

## REPORT

Date December 16, 1939.

Subject... Death of a Chinese female named Dzung Zung Sz (陳成氏) - Knocked down by a mob attempting to rob rice.

Made by. D.S.I. Tao Keng Yung. Forwarded by. Officer 1/c.

Sir,

At 5:10 p.m. on 15-12-39 a telephone message was received to the effect that a big crowd of people attempting to break into the Lao Yung Foong (老永源) Rice Shop, 1309 Penang Road. The message was received simultaneously by this station and Pootoo Road, but the scene was first attended by a party of detectives and uniform men under S.I. Barton of Pootoo Road Station. In the course of charge, the crowd dispersed and rushed into King Sui Li, off Penang Road where the mob knocked down the following persons, residents of the said alleyway.

- 1) Dzung Zung Sz (陳成氏), 53, Yangchow, H/Female,  
    72 King Sui Li off Penang Road,
- 2) Nai Yue Sz (倪俞氏), 67, Kompo, idow, No.72  
    King Sui Li off Penang Road,
- 3) Li Mao Dee (李毛弟), 12, Kompo, S/Female,  
    No.280 King Sui Li off Penang Road,
- 4) Pan Tsong Ling (潘忠林), 14, Kompo, S/Male,  
    No.265 King Sui Li, off Ponang Road,
- 5) Liu Dah Ching (劉大俊), 12, Kompo, S/Female,  
    No. 20 King Sui Li, off Penang Road,
- 6) Koo Woo Sz (高吳氏), 47, Yangchow, H/Female,  
    No.80 King Sui Li, off Penang Road.

The above persons were certified by Labour Hospital to have suffered the following injuries:-

- 1) Trampled to Death.
- 2) Scalded on left leg by hot water.
- 3) Scalded on left leg by hot water.
- 4) Laceration of scalp.
- 5) Laceration of left cheek and chin.
- 6) Contusion of chest.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

.....Station,

Date. .... 19

Subject. ....

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Made by. ....

Forwarded by. ....

The 1st described female died on arrival at hospital and the body has been removed to the Public Mortuary pending an inquest to be held on the morning of 16-12-39 when application will be made by the deceased's husband named Daung Foh Ling (董福林) to remove the body for burial.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*Sao Kong Fong*

D.S.I.

*John Cahy SN*  
Sen. Det. I/c.*MW*

D.D.O. "B" Div.

D.O. "B" Div.

D.C. Sp. Br.

DEC 17 1939

# Rice Riots Continue In Force Yesterday Despite Precautions Of Police

Investigations Reveal Disturbances Caused By  
Hooligans Rather Than Hungry Mobs; Dealer  
Wounded By Gunman; Over 20 Cases Reported

## DECISION TO REDUCE PRICES OF RICE MADE AT IMPORTANT CONFERENCE

Despite the fact that strong precautions were being taken by the police authorities in the International Settlement and the French Concession for the protection of the rice hongs, about 20 riots were staged yesterday morning and afternoon in the two foreign areas. Police turned out in most of the cases to disperse the crowds and a number of arrests were made in several instances.

Investigation revealed that in most cases the riots were not staged as the result of people going hungry or crowds being specially organized. In the majority of the cases an argument would start in a rice hong between a customer and the assistants over the price of the staple or the weight given. Crowds would gather around and a number of hooligans, taking advantage of the opportunity, would rush into the store and commence looting.

In most of the incidents the crowds would clear prior to the arrival of the police, after having stolen as much rice as they could possibly carry away. There were also a number of false alarms regarding rice riots, panic rice shop proprietors calling for police assistance as soon as some customer began to raise his voice.

### Dealer Wounded

Mr. Shen Zeng-ven, 63-year-old rice broker, was wounded in the arm by one of two gunmen, who stopped him outside the Foochow Road Market at about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, while he was riding in his private ricksha. When the attempted assassination of Mr. Shen has anything to do with the rice riots or the general rice situation or not, has not as yet been definitely established.

Mr. Shen was stopped by two men, one of whom produced a pistol and fired one shot and then ran off with his accomplice. An alarm was raised, but by the time the police arrived the gunmen had already escaped. Mr. Shen was removed to hospital in an ambulance.

### 21 Arrests

Among the 20 rice riots reported in the Settlement and the French Concession yesterday, arrests were only made in three cases. In the first riot reported in the morning at 1337 Ferry Road, 21 arrests were made by a party of police, who turned out from Pootoo Road Police Station. The riot was started at about 9 o'clock, a large number of bags being carried out from the shop by the looting mob. The police party arrived on the scene in quick order, arrested 21 men and recovered the majority of the stolen rice.

Nine arrests were made in the West Nanjing Station following an attack on a hong at 306 Kaifeng Road at 10 a.m.

Other riots were staged at the following shops:

10.50 a.m., 126 Chengtu Road.  
11.30 a.m., 291 Taku Road.  
11.30 a.m., 333 Shanhikwan Rd  
11.40 a.m., 389 Burkhill Road.  
11.40 a.m., 66 Taku Road.

2.40 p.m., 65 Connaught Road.  
5.07 p.m., 1438 Ferry Road.  
One arrest by police, nothing stolen.

Between 3.35 and 5.15 p.m.: at 36 Tatung Road, 88 Myburgh Road, 612 Tatung Road, 188 Taingho Road and 542 Myburgh Road.

Besides, there six more cases of rice looting occurred yesterday in the French Concession. They are listed as follows:

Tin Tai Rice Store, 128 Hsu Bourgeat, at 10.10 a.m.  
Loss:—about 120 piculs of 100 catties each.

At 287 Rue Ratard. Loss:—about 13 piculs.

Kung Ts Rice Store, 98 Albert Road. Loss: about 12 piculs.

Teh Yi Tai Rice Store, 68 Avenue Dubai.

At 120 Rue Gaston Kahn.

At the corner of Rue du Marche and Rue Lafayette.

### Three Injured

Three rioters sustained lacerations of the scalp following a riot staged in the Chengtu Road Police district yesterday morning. They were injured during the time that the police were dispersing a crowd and making arrests. The three men are being detained at the Police Hospital.

### Conference Takes Place

Three representatives were sent by the Shanghai Rice Stores Guild and four were sent by the Shanghai Beans and Rice Guild to call on the Deputy Secretary of the S.M.C. Mr. T. K. Ho, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. They requested the authorities to render adequate protection to legitimate merchants against the looting mobs, and also discussed the problem of price control.

It was understood that at this conference, the rice merchants and S.M.C. both agreed to reduce the maximum permissible price of first grade rice from \$45 to \$40, and for next-grade rice from \$38 to \$33, representing a cut of \$5 each.

An executive meeting of the Shanghai Beans and Rice Guild was called later yesterday, at 4 p.m. Two important resolutions were passed. The first was to approve the new lower price limits of \$40 and \$33 as arranged between the Guild's representatives and the S.M.C. The second was to send a formal communication to the S.M.C. asking that adequate protection be accorded to honest and legitimate merchants against liberal and mobs.

A proclamation was issued by the guild yesterday to the effect that, beginning from to-day, no first quality white rice shall be allowed to sell in excess of \$40, and that next grade rice shall not be sold in excess of \$33. The proclamation added that imported foreign rice, owing to fluctuations in foreign exchange, will be temporary exempt from this rule.

### No Market Yesterday

The rice market on Foochow Road failed to open yesterday as only a few traders were present and there was no offer or bid. Throughout the morning not a single transaction was made. There is no market in the afternoon. Fear of the widespread rice riots was said to be the reason for the absence of transactions.

SAVANNAH EVENING MERCURY.

6-39

## Ten Riots Staged During Morning, Police Kept Busy

Mobs Given Incitement  
By Proclamation,  
Says Dealer

**\$31,000 WORTH  
TAKEN IN DAY**

**SMP Handle Outbreaks  
On Outside Roads  
In Neat Manner**

While the Japanese conspicuously failed in their promises to bring China rice into Shanghai, riots over the grain which started yesterday afternoon continued this morning, when seven outbreaks were reported in the Settlement and three in the Concession and one rice dealer was wounded in an assassination attempt.

Police were on the alert and nipped more than one outbreak in the bud, but in other cases the rioters got away in one instance with \$4000 of the grain which they removed in rickshas.

**Big Loss**  
No less than 785 zah of rice, worth approximately \$31,000, were taken in the riots yesterday afternoon. Figures are not available for this morning's efforts, but it is believed that they are very much below this amount.

Twenty-one Chinese were arrested in a riot at 1397 Ferry Road today, when police succeeded in regaining most of the stolen grain. One or two other arrests were made during the morning.

### Dealer Wounded

Shen Zang-ven, 63 years old rice broker with offices at 145 Chekiang Road, was wounded in the arm at 10 a.m., as he was travelling in his ricksha along Foochow Road, outside the market.

Two men stepped from the sidewalk, fired at Mr. Shen and then made their escape. One bullet hit him in the arm and fractured it. Motive for the attack has not as yet been discovered. First reports that Mr. Shen had been one of the six put "on the mat" by the SMP Thursday were later found to be untrue.

### Incited

Despite a letter from the SMC, announced in today's press, to the Shanghai Rice Retail Dealers' Association stating that the Council's proclamation was not directed against members of the association in their legitimate business, but against manipulators and speculators, it is believed in some quarters that the proclamation has served to incite the crowds against rice shops in general. Prices, which have dropped on a "scare" at the proclamation, may rise if dealers refuse to buy more Saigon grain.

Extra police protection has been arranged for rice shops, but in view of the number of the latter, crowds have been able to stage many attacks in the last day or so.

### Twenty Cents

Methods of rioters yesterday were noted by their demands for twenty cents' worth of rice, which shops refused, saying that \$1 was the lowest unit. The mob thereupon would storm the shop and help itself.

Attempts of this sort at 501 Great Western Road and at 867 Jessfield Road failed when the SMP arrived in time, made the crowd form up in queues, and instructed the stores to sell each man his twenty cents' worth. Ta Tao police were interested spectators in the art of handling crowds.

### Not Instigated

A Shanghai Municipal Council official told the Evening Post this morning that no reports had yet been received that the riots had been "instigated affairs."

It was pointed out that a true motive was lacking for the attacks as since the joint proclamation was issued at the beginning of this week by the SMC and FMC, prices for "gan mee" and Saigon rice had dropped more than \$10.

### Price Drop

The day before the joint proclamation was issued, the Council official explained, the price of rice was around \$48 to \$50 per picul, while this morning's prices stood at \$39 per picul, with Saigon rice selling at \$34.50 per picul.

Since December 4, the visible stock of rice in Shanghai had increased from 260,000 piculs to 358,000 piculs. This, the SMC official stated, was largely due to increasing supplies coming from Saigon, where large purchases had been placed last month and were now arriving in the city.

CHINA PRESS

JAN 17 1939

# Fifty Nabbed In 24 Rice Riots Here

## Cereal Worth: \$40,000 Stolen By Looters As Wave Continues

Twenty-four rice riots, including three in Frenchtown, occurred yesterday between 9 a.m. and midnight alone, when more than 800 piculs of rice, valued at more than \$40,000, were stolen and more than 50 persons arrested.

With the police doing everything in their power to give ample protection to rice hongs, the riots were quelled in several instances, when police squads forced crowds to form orderly queues outside the shops.

It is a physical impossibility, however, to post extra guards at the entrance to every rice shop, and while added police protection has been given, Mong Kok, the more secluded districts of the New Town, continued unabated yesterday.

### Disorders Reach Peak

Disorders reached their peak when Mr. Shen Zang-ven, 63, Rich rice merchant with offices at 145 Chekiang Road, was wounded in the arm at 10 a.m. when two men opened fire at him as he was traveling along Foochow Road by private ricksha.

Mr. Shen escaped death narrowly. His assassins escaped the law completely. The rice magnate was wounded in the arm, which was fractured by the missile.

Reports charging that Mr. Shen was one of the six men interrogated and warned by the Shanghai Municipal Police on Thursday for violating the terms of the joint anti-manipulation proclamation of the two foreign municipalities were denied yesterday. The motive for the attack, however, was unknown.

Rice riots yesterday were becoming too numerous for the police to keep an immediate exact record. First known riot and the largest up to 4 p.m. occurred at 9 a.m. at 1397 Ferry Road, where 12 men were arrested. Much of the stolen grain was recovered.

The rioters struck over a wide area. Rice hongs on Kalfeng, Chengtu, Taku, Shanhikwan, Burkili, Robison, Carter, Ichang and Kiao Chow Roads were victimized in the International Settlement. In one case the rioters got away with \$400 worth of rice which they loaded on rickshas.

### Losses Terrible

Outstanding in most of the riots was the fact that the unruly crowds almost invariably demanded 20 cents' worth of grain which was refused by shops selling for a minimum of \$1.

In two instances, however, police squads which rushed to the scene ordered the shops to sell the crowds 20 cents' worth.

Meanwhile, a fairly accurate report of rioters' activities on Friday shows that 36 hongs were raided, 92 men and women arrested, and 1,300 piculs of rice, valued at approximately \$40,000, were stolen in the course of the riots.

Stores which lost more than 100 piculs, worth approximately \$4,500, each were the Tung Hai Rice Shop on Edinburgh Road, the Wei Shing Rice Shop on Jessfield Road, the Chien Zung and Tuh Zung Rice Shop on Great Western Road, the San Tai Rice Shop on Robison Road, and the Vai Tai Rice Shop on Route des Soeurs.

Danish girls who believe in old customs kiss their hands on hearing the first cuckoo of the year.

So popular is horseback riding in England that the country has more than 2000 riding academies today, compared to 400 less than five years ago.

## NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS.

Dec. 1, 1936

## Racketeers Seen Behind Rioting

### Intimidators and Loafers Arrested as New Wave of Rice Raids Sweeps City

In the course of another day marked by mob raids on dozens of rice shops, the Settlement Police yesterday arrested a number of Chinese racketeers who have been instigating many of the disturbances and also took into custody scores of loafers who were active in the raids and some of whom suffered broken pates as a result of baton charges. Most rice shops in the Settlement and the French Concession closed their doors at 5 p.m. The price of the grain declined only \$1 per picul yesterday, and the cheap supplies promised by the Japanese army last Tuesday did not materialize. There were no reports of rice riots in the Eastern district.

Eight calls to rice shops were answered by police at the Bubbling Well Station, who broke up the disturbances and recovered some of the stolen grain. They arrested nine troublemakers, but more important was the rounding-up of racketeers in the district who had been mulcting shop owners under threat of causing the establishments to be wrecked. Here, as elsewhere, an organized racket was indicated. In some instances the owners paid rather than risk a visit by the mob.

The biggest raid on rice in the Bubbling Well district occurred at 32 Annam Road, where seventy piculs of rice and thirty bags of flour were stolen. The police recovered only a small part of the loot but arrested five of the looters. Thirty piculs were stolen at 283 Hart Road, where four men were arrested.

#### 13 Raids in Five Hours

The congested Sinza district, which has a large number of rice shops, experienced thirteen riots during the day. Twelve Chinese, mostly of the looter type, were arrested. Two of the rioters were treated in hospital for broken heads incurred during the disturbances. All thirteen raids took place within five hours, between 11:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

In other districts the attacks started earlier in the day. A large-scale disturbance took place in the Pootoo Road district at 9 o'clock when a mob of several hundred looted 1897 Ferry Road. The police arrested 21 men and women and recovered most of the stolen rice. The Chengtu Road district had many raids and other disturbances were quelled in the West Hongkew, Gordon Road and Louza areas. Three looters with broken pates were sent to the Police Hospital from 66 Taku Road after an attack.

The Settlement Police and the French Concession Police both responded to a call to 866 Avenue Haig, where a shop was being looted.

#### Woman Trampled by Mob

It was ascertained yesterday that a Chinese woman died as a result of being trampled by a mob stampeding through a narrow lane in one of Friday evening's tumults in the western district. These disturbances, which took place in rapid succession at a number of shops in the highly-congested areas, were likewise attributed chiefly to the work of Chinese racket leaders and their loafer and opium-addict henchmen.

The retail price of rice in Shanghai yesterday was from \$39 to \$42 per picul for the best grade or "kan mee," and \$34 to \$35 for "see mee." This represented a reduction of \$1 per picul since Friday. Saigon rice was being sold for about the same price as the domestic grain.

#### Three Strikes Settled

In the field of labour some improvement was achieved when three strikes were ended. The establishments in which work was resumed were the China Soap Co., British, Yangtszepoo; the Ewo Cold Storage Co., British, Yangtszepoo; and the China Native Products Co., Nanking Road, Chinese.

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon, the executives of the Shanghai Rice and Bean Dealers Association decided further to reduce the prices of their goods. The first grade rice was fixed at \$40 as compared with \$45 last week, and the "see mee" at \$33, showing also five dollars' decrease. While thus trying to alleviate the situation by reducing prices, members of the association petitioned the authorities for full protection so that they could do business today.

#### Market Closed

The Shanghai Rice Market was closed yesterday because of the many raids no shops. Realizing that the situation was becoming extremely serious the executives of the association hurriedly held a conference in the afternoon. Although the market could not be opened yesterday it was learned last night that it would be opened today. A Chinese evening report stated that the closing of the market was considered by some quarters as a "quiet protest" against the proclamation issued by the authorities against rice profiteers.

The police of the French Concession dealt with seven rice riots yesterday and arrested over a dozen looters and instigators.

## NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS

DEC 17 1938

## Chengtu Road Rice Disturbance

### Police Called Out to Quell Riot; Arrest Three Principal Offenders

Typical of most of the rice riots, the one which broke out in the San Mow Rice Shop in Chengtu Road near Taku Road yesterday morning and which was viewed by a representative of the "North-China Daily News" was started by only a few poor people whose offers to buy 20 or 30 cents worth of rice were turned down. Soon more poor men gathered to see what was happening and heated arguments which ensued attracted more pedestrians and sympathizers who began to shout complaints.

Shop assistants tried to hurriedly shut the door shortly before 11 a.m. The crowd was then eight or nine persons deep. Two constables hopelessly tried to pacify the rioters. Before the angry shop assistants could close the door entirely the crowd became larger and began storming the shop by forming human ladders.

The poorer people who usually are much afraid of the police paid no heed to the latter's words, elbowed for better positions in the crowd, and began a mad stampede for the door which could not be "closed. Many succeeded in entering the shop by climbing over their fellows, and stole flour.

#### Shops Close Doors

Rice and beans placed in baskets near the door as sample goods were spilled and trodden on. Part of the pavement and the dark winter police uniforms were covered with white flour. The battle was concluded within about 20 minutes, leaving in its wake many discarded shoes and spilled rice and flour. Three rioters were taken to Chengtu Road Police Station in a van. Rice shops in other streets also closed their doors leaving small openings through which to transact business.

In a way the shop assistants could hardly be blamed for the trouble for they said that they had no measures which could hold only 20 or 30 cents' worth of rice. Judging from complaints made by the poor yesterday it would appear that they misinterpreted the proclamation issued by the Settlement authorities warning rice profiteers that no sanctuary would be given them.

It would also seem that they riot thinking that the smaller retailers are the profiteers.

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# Hungry And Infuriated Mobs Stage Wholesale Rice Riots Over City

**21 Rice Hongs Looted During Day In Settlement;  
Police Busy Dispersing Mobs, Recovering  
Stolen Rice And Making Arrests**

## WARNING SHOTS FIRED INTO AIR BY POLICE TO FRIGHTEN CROWDS

Wholesale rice riots broke out all over the Shanghai International Settlement, especially along the Outside Roads, early yesterday afternoon. Hungry and infuriated mobs attacked rice shops, creating a pandemonium all over the city and necessitating the turn out of squads of police to clear the unruly crowds.

In two instances warning shots had to be fired by the police into the air to scare away the angry mobs. Well over 60 arrests were made by officers of the different police stations in whose districts the riots occurred. Most of the riots were staged in the Bubbling Well district, especially along Brenan, Edinburgh

and Yu Yuen Roads.

The frightened rice shop proprietors and assistants put up their shutters and closed their shops, but in a number of cases the mobs broke down the doors and on getting inside the stores started looting as much rice as they possibly could. Large quantities of rice were stolen from the various hongs, in some cases well over 30 or even 50 piculs being carried away prior to arrival of squads of police.

Although no definite proof was available last night, it was generally believed that the majority of the riots, especially those that were staged along Edinburgh, Brenan and Bubbling Well Roads, early yesterday afternoon were organized. The riots in the area were staged within the space of two hours, between 2.30 and 4.40 p.m. Seven arrests were made at the five riots by officers of the Bubbling Well Police Station, who rushed from the scene of one riot to another.

### Shots Fired

On being unable to halt a large mob from looting a rice hong at 301 Seymour Road at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a lone Chinese constable of the Shanghai Municipal Police, fired two shots into the air in order to frighten the crowd away or at least to cool their ardour. The mob halted for a minute, but then with a cry rushed the shop, broke down the door and commenced looting. A call for assistance was put through to the Bubbling Well Police Station and a party immediately turned out, clearing the remains of the crowd away.

Several shots were reported to have been fired into the air at about 5.20 p.m. during the mob attack staged on a rice shop at the corner of Edinburgh and Yu Yuen Roads. A check-up among the officers of the S.M.P., who turned out to the scene revealed that no shots were fired by them. It was believed that the warning shots were fired by City Government policemen, but this could not be checked last night.

While in some cases the attacks on hongs were organized by hoodlums, in other cases there was a spontaneous flare-up when purchasers were not able to obtain the staple product at prices to meet their pockets. The customers would start arguing with the shop assistants, crowds would gather around the shop, become infuriated and then an attack on the shop and looting would follow.

### Special Guards

Despite the fact that most of the rice hongs had closed up early in the afternoon and are likely to keep their premises padlocked to-day, special police guards have been placed at all rice shops all over the city to prevent any further mobbings.

Officers of Bubbling Well, Gorder Road, Pootoo Road and Sinza Police Stations were kept busy throughout the day turning out to rice riots, make arrests and inquiring into the various cases.

The first riot of the day occurred at 7.15 a.m. when a large crowd attacked a rice hong at 76 Singapore Road and stole 20 piculs of rice. A party of police from Pootoo Road Police Station responded to the call and arrested three men and women and recovered a quantity of the stolen rice.

In the afternoon the riots came in such rapid order that it was almost impossible to keep check on them, police moving from one scene to another with hardly time to return to the station.

### In French Concession

Only one rice riot was staged in the French Concession during the course of the day. The rice hong located at No. 414 Rue Tenant de

La Tour was raided by a large crowd of Chinese at 4.30 p.m., and two piculs of rice were stolen. Promptly after the theft the mob dispersed and scattered. No shots were fired by the police and no arrests made.

Special precautions are being taken by the French Concession authorities. A party will patrol in front of rice shops in the Concession to-day in an attempt to avoid the gathering of mobs and raids of rice shops. It is understood that plans have been made for police riot vans or patrols in armoured cars to pass rice shops within periods of 15 minutes.

No rice riots were reported to have taken place yesterday within the Settlement or Concession after 6.50 p.m. The rice hongs in general close down after 4 o'clock.

Widespread rumours that a mass rice riot was going to be staged during the afternoon caused almost all stores in the French Concession to close up for business shortly after 4 o'clock.

Riots were staged at the following hongs:

Three riots between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Bubbling Well district.  
 2.30 p.m.—Lane 391, House 1,107 Haiphong Road. 17 arrests.  
 3.10 p.m.—512 Tatung Road. Several arrests.  
 3.50 p.m.—820 Avenue Road. Two arrests.  
 3.00 p.m.—301 Seymour Road.  
 4.10 p.m.—372 Medhurst Road.  
 2.30 to 4.40 p.m.—323 Brenan Road, 502 Brenan, 37 Brenan Road, 1954 Bubbling Well Road, 623 Edinburgh Road. Seven arrests.  
 3.51 p.m.—959 Ferry Road. One arrest.  
 4.15 p.m.—522 Wuting Road. Eight arrests.  
 4.50 p.m.—632-4 Sinza Road.  
 4.50 p.m.—886 Sinza Road.  
 5.00 p.m.—1309 Penang Road. Six arrests.  
 5.20 p.m.—401 Robison Road. Twelve arrests.  
 6.00 p.m.—301 Seymour Road. (Second attack).

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## Rice Riot Is Staged By An Irate Crowd

Police Are Called Out  
To Disperse Crowd  
In Hart Rd. Raid

### FOUR CHINESE TO BE CHARGED IN COURT

A crowd of about 100 hungry Chinese, among them a certain amount of the criminal element, staged a rice riot on Hart Road, in the midst of the poor man's district, yesterday afternoon. The crowd raided a rice shop at 1,460 Hart Road at about 5.30 p.m., managing to steal over 40 bags of rice before a party of police from Pootoo Road Police Station arrived on the scene and scattered the rioters.

Pandemonium reigned for a while as infuriated men and shrieking women scrambled to lay their hands on as much rice as they could carry away. The shop assistants fought tooth and nail, but were overpowered. A couple of policemen rushed to the scene, but could do nothing to stop the rush of about 100 hungry people.

A call for assistance was put through to the Pootoo Road Police Station and a party of police, under Inspector Watson, responded immediately, clearing the crowd a few minutes after they came on the scene and detaining seven men. After investigation, four of the men were placed under arrest and will be charged in the First Special District Court this morning. It was estimated that over \$1,500 of rice was stolen and scattered over the street during the riot.

After the riot a guard was left at the victimized hong, while other rice stores in the city are also being given special protection.

#### Drop In Price

The local rice market remained very quiet yesterday, with the price of the first quality of the staple dropping to \$43 per picul, as compared with \$45 on Wednesday. Purchasers, both local and outport, were reluctant to buy at yesterday's prices, expecting a sharp drop within the not too distant future.

Although the best quality rice was quoted at \$43 in the official market, many retail stores were offering the same quality at as low as \$40 per picul. The shopkeepers explained that they had bought their stocks at a time when the prices were far below the present level and that they wished to pass on part of their profits to their customers.

It was reported yesterday that over 10,000 bags of foreign rice arrived in Shanghai yesterday and that about 1,100 bags of domestic rice was brought in by rail and junk.

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## NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS.

DEC 15 1939

### Rice Rioting Breaks Out in Hart Road

**Mob of 100 Force Way Into  
Shop ; Six Men Arrested.**

With the rice situation still at the critical stage an ugly riot flared out in Hart Road at 5.35 p.m. yesterday when a howling mob of over 100 men forced their way into a rice shop at 1789 Hart Road and in a desperate, brutal scramble for the precious foodstuff made off with over \$1,500 worth of rice.

A telephone call to Pootoo Road police station sent a squad of police racing to the scene to disperse the mob. Six men were arrested and will face the First Special District Court this morning. No one was hurt during the incident and the police managed to clear the street with little difficulty.

\*\*\*Earlier rice reports on p. 10.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 1373/39.

"B" Division.  
Gordon Road Police Station.  
September 9th, 1939.

Diary Number:-	3 & Final.	Nature of Offence:-	18.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	30-8-39 & 6-9-39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	S.S.D.Court.

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The eight accused again appeared before the S.S.D.Court on the a.m. of 30-8-39 when, as requested, the 8th accused was ordered released. The remaining seven accused were ordered remanded until the 6-9-39 for judgment.

On the latter date the following decision was handed down:-

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th accused:—"Each 3 months imprisonment for snatching."

5th, 6th and 7th accused:—"Each 3 months imprisonment for concealing stolen property."

"The sentences imposed on the 1st and 3rd accused to be suspended for 3 years each."

The accused had no previous convictions.

*John Caley D.S.*  
Sen. Det. 170.

*H. Smith*

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D.D.O. "B" Div.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

West Hongkew..... Sign 9/5/39  
Date August 31st 1939.

Subject Finding of two pamphlets outside the National Industrial Bank of China Godown, and the arrest of a male Chinese for malicious damage.

Made by D.S. Sanbrook Forwarded by *Tang* Inspector,  
Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 4.50 p.m. August 31, 1939, C.P.C.3301 brought to West Hongkew station one named Tsang Tse (~~張錦財~~), 42, native of Kompo, S/Unemployed, residing at 115 Rue Bourgeat French Concession, whom he arrested on Winchester Road at the request of C.P.W.365, employed by the National Industrial Bank of China Godown, who alleged the above-named person threw a stone through a window of the godown.

The said constable also brought to the station two pamphlets which had been handed to him by C.P.Cs.2284 and 2669, who found them on Winchester Road near the aforementioned godown. These pamphlets, as far as can be ascertained from a rough translation, refer to owners storing rice in godowns with the result that no rice is for sale in rice shops; and that poor people cannot buy it.

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*C/9*  
*H.H.  
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The above-named person who was arrested for breaking a window in the National Industrial Bank of China Godown Building, when questioned by C.D.C.301 and the undersigned stoutly denied being responsible for the distribution of the pamphlets. He admitted, however, smashing the window. He explained this by stating that he was unemployed, and that on seeing several trucks loaded with rice outside the said godown, he became excited and threw a stone through a window.

There being no evidence whatsoever to connect this man with the distribution of the pamphlets, and as Mr. Tang Zing (~~唐錦廷~~), Manager of the godown in question, informed police that he did not wish to take any action against him for

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malicious damage, he was cautioned and released.

The pamphlets are being transmitted to Headquarters for translation and information.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

D.S.

~~Sen. Det. 1/c~~

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**SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**

**REPORT**

Section 1, Special Branch 8/26/39

Date August 26, 1939.

Subject Rice Situation in Pootung.

Made by D.I. Pan Lien Pih Forwarded by C. Crawford A.D.

At 7 p.m. August 24, about fifty poor women and juveniles appeared outside the Yuen Chong (源昌) Rice Shop, 92 Tung Chong Road, Pootung, and knocked on the door claiming that they wished to purchase rice. On the door being opened the mob rushed into the shop with the intention of looting, but found that there were only eight piculs of glutinous rice on the premises. While an altercation was in progress between the mob and the shop assistants over the purchase of rice, several patrols of the Japanese Naval Landing Party happened to pass by. They ordered the shop-keeper to distribute a small quantity of free rice to each person, with the result that the concern suffered a loss of one third of a picul of the glutinous rice.

Following this incident, the "Pootung District Administrative Office" issued a notice stating that all the stocks in rice shops at Pootung had been sold and that the "authorities" would arrange for a cheap sale of rice between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., August 25. The residents in Pootung were urged to purchase the same from the authorities on that date.

During the afternoon of August 25, some 500 piculs of rice were brought to Pootung by Mr. HASHIMOTO (橋本), Chief of the Pootung Section of the Japanese Military Special Service Department. With the assistance of the village guild, Tung Chong Road, Pootung and some twenty assistants of rice shops, the

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cheap sale was held in Sz Van Li, Tung Chong Road. The rice was sold at \$30.00 per picul, but each person was allowed to purchase a quantity not exceeding three "Shens" (  $\text{斤}$  ) (one "Shen" equals to one hundredth of a "zar").

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On the same day, cheap sale of rice on similar lines was held at Nantao, Chapei and Civic Centre, Kiangwan by the respective Administrative Offices.

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A.C. (Special Branch)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Gordon Road Station, 8039 A/5(6)  
Date, August 25th, 1939.

Subject. Re the reported gathering of a crowd of Chinese outside the  
Doong Tan (同泰) Rice Shop 435 Ferry Road.

Made by. D.S. 21 Smith

Forwarded by

V. E. Mason  
Officer i/c.

Sir,

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B. R. S. R.  
  
At 11.40 a.m. 25-8-39 a telephone message was received at this station from C.P.C. 1960 to the effect that a crowd of Chinese were gathering outside the Doong Tan (同泰) Rice Shop 435 Ferry Road.

A party of Police under the Inspt. i/ch, <sup>including</sup> C.D.C. 100 and the undersigned, immediately attended the scene and dispersed a crowd of approximately 100 male and female Chinese from the footpath outside the above shop.

Enquiries elicited that at 10.30 a.m. a small boy Tsu Wei Kyah (朱維嘉), aged 14, residing 19 Ching Kah Ong off Sinza Road O.O.L. purchased rice to the value of \$1.00 from a shop assistant named Wo Tsoong Zien (何仲全), employed in the Doong Tan Rice Shop.

On receiving the rice the boy complained to the shop-assistant Wo Tsoong Zien that the amount of rice given him for \$1.00 was insufficient.

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The shop-assistant became angry with the boy and slapped his face. The boy thereupon returned to his home with the rice he had purchased and informed his father Tsu Kung Pao (朱根宝) of his trouble at the rice shop.

The father Tsu Kung Pao accompanied his son to the rice shop where he demanded that the shop-assistant Wo Tsoong Zien explain why he had slapped his son and he also demanded the assistant weigh the rice, purchased by his son, in his presence.

The shop-assistant refused to comply with the

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father's demands and whilst the two men were quarrelling the large crowd of spectators gathered.

The shop-assistant, the boy and the father and a witness named Tsang Kwei Faung (張桂芳) were brought to this station and upon the boy's father declining to take any action against the shop-assistant they were all allowed to go after being cautioned re further trouble.

Yours obediently,

J. A. Smith  
Sen. Det. I/C.

D.D.O. "F" Div.

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S. S. MUNICIPAL POLICE  
File No. C.S.I.R.Y  
No. S. D. 8039A 5-6)

Section 1, Special Branch  
REPORT

Date August 25, 1939.

Subject Rice Situation in Pootung and Nantao.

Made by D.I. Pan Lien Pih Forwarded by C. Gandy, D.I.

On August 24, nine rice shops in Pootung were ransacked by mobs consisting for the most part of women and juveniles. The shops concerned suffered losses ranging from ten piculs to thirty piculs of rice, and among those victimized were the following:-

Name

Address

Tse Zung Tai (志順泰), Gee Chong Wharf.

Sing Zung Tai (新順泰), -do-

Yuen Chong (源昌), Tung Chong Road.

Yuen Dah (源大), -do-

Woo Tai (五泰), -do-

Wong Tseng Kee (黃增記), Yang Ka Doo Village.

At 11 a.m., August 24, three rice shops at Shih Pah Ken (十八門), Pootung were ransacked by mobs and a party of the Shanghai City Government Police arrived and succeeded in apprehending some twenty of the looters. After it had been ascertained from the shop owners that nothing had been stolen other than rice, the looters were cautioned and released.

Following these incidents, the Pootung Police Bureau notified other rice shops to close their doors as a precaution against further attacks by mobs.

The Japanese Naval Authorities in Pootung however are maintaining an indifferent attitude to the rice situation, and following the disturbances the Japanese Naval Authorities prohibited members from leaving their billets at Pootung, presumably to avoid interference.

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It is learned that rice is sold in Pootung at \$36.00 per picul and that a number of rice shops are engaged in hoarding.

From August 24, the Japanese military in the Western District allowed purchasers to take their rice into Nantao but in very small quantities such as one "zar" or half a "zar".

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date August 24, 1939.

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Shanghai, 24 Aug 39

Subject (in full) Attempted looting of rice shop in French Concession.

Made by D.I. Pan Lien Pih Forwarded by C. Grayson J.

At 7.30 a.m., August 23, some forty or fifty people of the poor class gathered outside the Kung Shing (公興) Rice Shop, 320 Rue Frelupt, French Concession, and attempted to loot the shop. They were subsequently dispersed by the French Police who arrived on the scene. No rice was stolen and no arrests were made.

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S.1., Special Branch.....*Shanghai, 1939 A/5(6)*  
**REPORT** Date...August 23, 1939. *24 8 39*

Subject (in full)..... Looting of Rice Shops in Nantao.

Made by D.I. Pan Lien Pih

Forwarded by *C. Gao*

On August 22, 1939, a further case of rice shop being looted occurred in Nantao. At 7 a.m. that day, about 30 loafers and destitute persons entered a rice shop called Kiu Dah (久大) at 52 Tsing Loong Jao, Sih Ka Pang, Nantao, and looted a total of five "zars" of rice. A party of police arrived on the scene but the intruders had already dispersed.

There are approximately sixty rice shops situated in the City and Nantao, and in consequence of the looting which occurred on August 21 and 22, some twenty of them suspended business on August 22.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch *station*,

REPORT

Date August 22, 1939.

Subject Looting of rice shops in City

Made by D.I. Pan Lien Pih

Forwarded by

C. Grafton. S.I.

The following cases of rice shops being looted are reported to have occurred in the City on August 21, 1939 :-

At 9 a.m., about 30 loafers and coolies forced an entry into the Tuh Zung Rice Shop (德盛), 126 Siao Pootoo Chiao, Tung Ka Doo, Nantao, and commenced looting the rice stock stored in the shop. Six piculs of rice were taken away by these people before the arrival of the Japanese Military and the Chinese Police and no arrests were made.

At 11 a.m., some forty persons consisting of loafers and destitute persons broke into the Zai Dah (穗大) Rice Shop, 65 Tah Ching Road, in the Refugee Zone, City, and looted a total of four piculs of rice. The Police arrived on the scene but no arrests were made.

It is learned that the price for ordinary rice in the City is \$31.00 per "zar" and that transportation of rice into the City has been prohibited by the Japanese Military authorities functioning in the Western District of Shanghai, at Siking and also Tse Pao.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

chengtu Road 8039A/1(2)  
Station, 8/39  
Date August 23, 1939.

Subject. Reported looting of rice shop.

Made by D.S.I. Black

Forwarded by

D.S.I. Black, Officer i/c

Sir,

At 8.30 p.m. 23/8/39 a telephone message was received from the Heng Dah (恒德) Rice Shop, 228 Yates Road stating a mob were attempting to loot the shop. A party of Police consisting of S.I. Moffat, D.S.I. Black, D.S.I. Young, C.S.S. 66 and uniform Police proceeded to the scene but no untoward offence was observed, beyond a crowd collected in the vicinity.

Enquiries from the shop-master Zau Yoh Dau (赵耀道) show that as the shop was closing for business at 8.30 p.m. 23/8/39 a large number of customers demanded service and this frightened the shop-master who put up the shutters and telephoned the station.

No rice was looted and no damage done. Obviously a case of undue alarm on the part of the shop-master.

Police on duty warned to pay special attention to the shop.

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Officer i/c, Special Branch.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

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"D" Division.  
Yulin Road Police Station.

Crime Register No. 590/39.

August 24th, 1939.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	Riot.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Please see Report.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Please see Report.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	502 Ward Road.				
Time and date of offence.	9 p.m. 23-8-39.				
" " reported.	9.50 p.m. 23-8-39.				
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	S.M.C./S.M.Police.				
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<u>Two arrested &amp; charged.</u>  (1) Lee Yung Sung (李雲生) 36, Zaushing, M/coolie, 50 Yue Wha Faung, Ward Road.  (2) Sung Ah Kung (孫阿恭) 24, Wusih, M/coolie, 68 Yue Wha Faung, Ward Road.				
Arrests.	Two by Uniform Branch.				
Classification of property stolen.	Does not apply.	Value \$			
Classification of property recovered.	Does not apply.	Value \$			
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	Does not apply.				
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	(e) A crowd, led to believe that a quantity of rice was stored in a medicine shop, attacked the premises.  S.I. C. 4th Aug, 1939.				
In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)					

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- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 8.15 p.m. 23-8-39, a telephone message was received at Yulin Road Station to the effect that a riot was in progress at the Zung Teh Daung (忠德堂) Medicine Shop, 502, Ward Road.

In response to this message a party of police attended the scene, and dispersed a crowd of persons who had gathered outside the premises.

Enquiries ascertained that a rumour had been circulated amongst residents in the vicinity of the Zung Teh Daung Medicine Shop to the effect that some six hundred sacks of rice had been stored in the shop for safe-keeping by one named Woo Paung Vung (胡邦文), the proprietor of the Shanghai (上海) Rice Shop, 490 Ward Road.

The party of Police looked over the premises, and found that no rice whatever was stored therein, the rumour being obviously unfounded.

When the party of Police returned to the station Hav. 470 and S.P.C. 876 were detailed for duty at the scene, in order to prevent further disturbances.

At 9 p.m. 23-8-1939, F.S. 334 Kay telephoned the station to the effect that the crowd had again assembled and were preparing to attack the shop.

A party of Police, with Inspector Brownrigg, Officer i/c, responded to the call, and upon arrival found that F.S. Kay and the two Sikh officers had detained three male Chinese, named:-

- (1) Lee Yung Sung (李榮生) 36, Zaushing, M/coolie, 50 Yue Wha Faung, Ward Road.
- (2) Zung Ah Kung (忠阿恭) 24, Wusih, M/coolie, 68 Yue Wha Faung, Ward Road.

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:—

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Police Station.

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Diary Number:—	Nature of Offence:—	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day	

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

(3) Tsong Teh Kwei (孫德奎) 22, Nanking,  
M/shop-master, ? Ward Road.

It was learned from the officers that a crowd of some two hundred persons had attacked the shop, thrown stones at the police on duty, and attempted to force the door. The 1st and 2nd named were observed to take an active part in the attack, and were detained in that connection.

The 3rd named Tsong Teh Kwei was not concerned in the affair, and had only been called to the shop to verify that rice was not stored within. He was permitted to go.

At 11 p.m. 23-8-39, a further message was received that the crowd was again assembling. The Police attended, and upon permitting a few representatives to verify that rice was not stored in the shop, the crowd dispersed.

Representatives of the Japanese Naval Landing Party attended the scene.

A police guard is still maintained at the shop.

D.O. "D" Division informed.

Circulated.

The two accused, who deny participation and knowledge have been charged accordingly.

D.D.O. "D"

Copy for D.C. (Sp.Br.) ✓

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Rice Shop disturbances in Sinza District.

At about 7.30p.m. 24-8-39, a crowd of about 200 persons assembled outside of the Kwong Hwa Rice Shop, House 206, Lane 51 Stone Bridge Road, and caused trouble by demanding rice. A party of Police attended but the crowd had dispersed after stealing 7 piculs of rice valued \$200.00.

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Two arrests were made later and rice valued \$6.00 was recovered.

The two arrested persons were charged with larceny subject of F.I.R. 2380/39 Sinza.

Copy to Special Branch.

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cc. (Special Branch)

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August 24,

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Rice Shop disturbances in Sims District.

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At about 9.25 p.m. 23.8.39 a crowd of about 200 persons assembled outside Sing Ziang Rice Shop, 900 Chengtu Road, demanding rice. A party of police attended and dispersed the crowd. No violence and no larceny of rice.

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At 6.50 a.m. 24.8.39 a crowd of persons assembled outside a rice godown 5/1028 Chengtu Road demanding rice and assumed a threatening attitude. Party of police again attended and dispersed the crowd before an incident occurred.

Precautions with regard to this situation have been taken by Inspector 1/c.

Copy to Special Branch.

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# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Aug 30 1939

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.:— 1373/39.

"B" Division.  
Gordon Road Police Station.  
August 28th, 1939.

Diary Number:— 2.	Nature of Offence:— 18.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Period of remand. Places visited in course of investigation each day Detective Office.

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The eight accused appeared before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 21/8/39 when the 1st to the 7th accused were ordered remanded until the 30/8/39, the 8th accused was ordered detained until that date.

During the period of detention the 8th accused has been frequently interrogated by detectives but it has proven impossible to connect him in any way with this offence and upon his appearance before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 30/8/39 his release will be requested and the 'Writ of Detention' in respect of him will be withdrawn.

The 1st to the 7th accused have been further interrogated but all deny having any knowledge of other offences and it has proven impossible to connect them with any other offences, although each of them was arrested in possession of stolen property in connection with the offence that forms the subject of this report.

The eight accused will again appear before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 30/8/39 when, as mentioned above, the release of the 8th accused will be requested.

J. B. Smith  
Supt. Det. 2/8.

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D.B.O. "B" DIV.

A.C. SP. BR. ✓

J. B. Smith

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

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Division.

Crime Register No. 1373/39.

Garden Road Police Station.

August 20th, 1939.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:	18.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	8.05 pm 20/8/39 to 4 a.m. 21/8/39.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	Please see Diary.

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	H. Yue Shing (裕生) Rice and Flour Shop @ Chang- King Road.		
Time and date of offence.	At 8.05 p.m. 20/8/39.		
" " reported.	At 8.05 p.m. 20/8/39.		
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Wong Wo Kyeng (王屋慶), M/Shop-master, a/address.		
Number of criminals with full individual description.	<p>None arrested and charged.</p> <p>(1) Yung Lang Foh (吳長福), 15, Kampo, S/Unemployed, 20 Dong Kyang, 14 off Garden Road.          (2) Wong See Fung (王赤芳), 13, Kampo, S/Coolie, unnumbered hut off Robison Road O.O.L.          (3) Yung Teung Hung (吳廷衡), 15, Kampo, S/Unemployed, 144 Chongpin; Road.          (4) Chung Liou Si (鍾利秋), 38, Kampo, M/Female, Lane 116/1 Changting Road.          (5) Chung Yue Shing (鍾月生), 49, Kampo, S/Hawker, Lane 100/1 Changting road.          (6) Tang Mai Seong (唐妹生), 24, Nanking, S/Hawker, Lane 397/212 Hankam Road.          (?) Li Ts Ping (李士平), 21, Kampo, S/Hawker, Lane 88/11 Changting Road.          and one on 'Writ of Detention'.</p> <p>(8) Liu Yi Toong (劉一通), 32, Kampo, M/Hawker, Lane 37/49 Changping Road. Value \$</p>		
Arrests.			
Classification of property stolen.	<p>Classification of property recovered.</p> <p><b>Flour and cash.</b> Value \$786.00</p> <p><b>Flour.</b> Value \$126.00</p>		
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered.	<p>(a) Time and date body was discovered.          (b) Position, appearance and marks on body.          (c) Apparent cause of death.          (d) Motive if known.</p>		
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence.	<p>In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (l) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described.</p> <p>(e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises.          (f) Means used (tools etc.)          (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc.          (h) Mode of transport and description.          (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)</p>		
	<p><b>Method.</b></p> <p>Mob attacked at rice and flour shop. Wrenched the iron grilles from the doors, forced open the shutters and stole 120-50 lbs. bags of flour.</p> <p>S/ C/S/ 21/8/39 P.M. 21/8</p>		

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 8.05 p.m. 20/3/39 a telephone message was received at this station from the Yi Yue Shing Rice and Flour Shop 88 Channing Road, to the effect that a large crowd had gathered outside the shop and that they were breaking down the doors.

C.D.C. 242, C.P.C. 2734 and the undersigned immediately attended and found that a mob numbering approximately 500 persons had stormed the shop in question and had wrenched the iron grilles from the front and side of the shop and forced open the wooden shutters and were engaged in looting bags of flour from the shop.

The police party immediately set upon the mob and with the assistance of C.D.S. 202 and one of his agents named Sunz Koh Tsung (孫哥聰), (C.D.S. 202 was off duty and together with his agent was attracted to the scene by the sight of the crowd), succeeded in dispersing the mob.

After dispersing the main body of the mob the station was informed of the situation and a further party under S/I Glasville attended the scene.

Whilst dispersing the mob the first four accused, (1) Yung Zang Foh (黃張福), (2) Wong See Yung (王志英), (3) Kyung Zang Kung (景張公) and (4) a female Yung Lieu Sz (黃麗秋), each of whom was in possession of a bag of stolen flour, were arrested whilst attempting to escape from the scene.

A further seven bags of flour were recovered from the roadway where they had been dropped by

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.:— **1373/39.** ..... Division. ....  
 ..... Police Station. .... 19

Diary Number:	<b>1/3.</b>	Nature of Offence:	<b>18.</b>
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

fleeing members of the mob.

After placing a police guard on the premises the undersigned and party returned to Gordon Road station with the four arrests, leaving C.D.S. 202 and his agent Sung Koh Tsung, who had volunteered to continue a search of nearby alleys etc in an endeavour to recover more of the stolen property of which 120-50 lbs bags of flour, total value \$786.00, and \$30.00 in notes from the till, total value \$786.00 had been stolen.

At 10.30 p.m. 20/8/39 C.D.S. 202 and his agent effected the arrest of the 5th accused, Tsung Yue Shing (張岳生), described overleaf, inside Lane 100/1 Changping Road when they found him to have three bags of the stolen flour concealed under his bed.

At 12 M.N. 20/8/39 C.D.S. 202 and his agent arrested the 6th accused, Tang Mei Soong (唐美松), described overleaf, inside Lane 397/212 Markham Road where they found him to have three bags of the stolen flour concealed in his room.

At 1.30 a.m. 21/8/39 C.D.S. 202, C.D.C. 242 and the undersigned effected the arrest of the 7th accused, Li Ts Ping (李士平), described overleaf, inside Lane 88/11 Changping Road when he was found to have three bags of the stolen flour concealed behind a table in his room.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.— 1373/39.

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:-	1/4.	Nature of Offence:-	18.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

The total recovery by detectives being 20 bags total value \$125.00.

When brought to the station and questioned the seven accused each admitted having entered the complainant's premises stealing the flour although all deny having taken part in the actual assault on the shop and all denied having any knowledge of the theft of \$30.00 from the till.

When questioned the complainant Wong Wo Kyang stated that at about 7.30 p.m. 20/8/39 a crowd commenced to gather outside his shop which contained 265-50 lb bags of flour and 20-40 lb. bags of rice. This amount of flour and rice represented the complainant's total stock.

At 8 p.m. 20/8/39 the gathering crowd, which numbered approximately 400 persons, most of whom had apparently gathered from the neighbourhood and the majority of whom were of the coolie class, commenced to assume a threatening attitude.

At 8.03 p.m. 20/8/39, led by a group of about ten male Chinese of the coolie class, all of whom were armed with sticks, the crowd attacked the shop.

Prior to the attack by the mob the complainant had closed all the shutters and locked the iron grilles

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 1373/39. .... Division.  
 ..... Police Station. .... 19

Diary Number:—	1/6.	Nature of Offence:—	18.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

outside the shop.

The mob, however, wrenched the iron grilles from their fastenings, forced open the wooden shutters and stormed into the shop, where from the ground floor they stole 120 bags of flour and £30.00 in cash from the shop till.

When further questioned the complainant stated that he suspected that the raid on his shop might have been instigated by a loafer named Ma Yi Toong (馬逸東), residing Lane 87/49 Changping Road, with whom he had quarrelled on the 20/7/39.

C.O.D. S. 202, C.O.D.C. 242 and the undersigned effected the arrest of this man (8th accused) at his home at 1.40 a.m. 21/8/39.

When brought to this station and interrogated the 8th accused admitted having quarrelled with the complainant on the 20/7/39 but stoutly denied having been in any way concerned in the raid on his shop and no evidence to connect him with this offence could be found.

Owing to the possibility that this man (8th accused) may have been concerned, he has been placed on 'writ of Detention' pending the questioning of further arrests if any.

Further interrogation of the complainant revealed

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## CRIME DIARY.

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**1373/39.**

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:—	<b>1/6.</b>	Nature of Offence:—	<b>18.</b>
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

that he is a member of the Rice and Flour Dealers Association and that at 9 a.m. 19/8/39 the price set by this association and quoted by the complainant was \$6.05 per 50 lb bag of flour. At 8 p.m. 19/8/39 complainant was informed by the association that the price per bag was \$6.10. On opening the shop at 7 a.m. 20/8/39 the complainant was informed that the price had risen to \$6.25 per bag and he raised his prices accordingly.

At 6 p.m. 20/8/39 the association informed the complainant that another rise in price to \$6.30 per bag had been ordered.

He accordingly quoted the increased price after 6 p.m. 20/8/39. This price increase apparently caused several of his customers to complain against the increased price and between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. 20/8/39 no sales were made although several persons approached the shop but refused to purchase flour at the <sup>new</sup> increased rate.

From interrogation of the accused and of the complainant it appears to the undersigned that the raid was not premeditated but was staged <sup>on the spur of the moment</sup> as a protest to the continual increase in the price of flour.

It is worthy of note that the majority of the residents in the vicinity of the complainant's shop are

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No. 1373/39.

Division.

Police Station.

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Diary Number:	1/7.	Nature of Offence:	13.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

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The Insp. 1/cn, one Det. 1/cn, D.D.O. and D.O. "B" Division, and the A.C. 1/Branch were informed and the Insp. 1/cn, one Det. 1/cn and the D.O. "B" Division attended the scene.

D.S. Cornwell and Mr. J. L. Lee of the S Branch attended this station and interrogated the complainant, witnesses and the accused.

Three male and one female suspect who were arrested inside No 87 Changping Road at 1.30 p.m. 21/8/39 could not be connected with this offence and were accordingly released at 4.45 p.m. 21/8/39 after interrogation.

The 1st to the 7th accused have been charged with 'Robbery' and the 8th accused has been placed on 'writ of Detention' in the possibility that he may later be connected with this offence and upon the appearance of the accused before the S.S.P. Court on the a.m. of 21/8/39 it will be requested that all be remanded in custody for one week.

Details of this offence have been circulated per teleprinter.

John Smith  
Supt. 1/cn  
Com. Det. 1/cn.

John Smith  
D.S. 2/cn

D.D.O. "B" DIV.

# **SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

**CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP**

S. P. B. R. Registry OFFICE

FILE NO. A 8039A/5-CO-3

S U B J E C T :

SUBJECT: Monthly Return of Permits for Rice & Flour

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL

S. S. R.

S. B. D. 8039A/3(0)-U

Date 20 12 40

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Central  
Dec. 16th,

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A Formosan brought to the station regarding a trouble over bags of rice detained by the Japanese Authorities in Chapei.

At 3.15p.m. on 16-12-40 C.P.C. 1877 brought to the station 7 Chinese and a Formosan for making trouble on Avenue Edward VII near Szechuen Road, regarding 13 bags of rice detained by the Japanese Naval Landing Party at Woo Cheng Road, Bridge in Chapei on 11-12-40.

Enquiries by C.D.S. 185 and the undersigned ascertained the following to be the facts:-

On 11-12-40, 13 bags of rice value \$700 which were transported by 17 Chinese from country to Shanghai, were detained by the Japanese Authorities at the above mentioned locality due to their failure to obtain permits.

A representative of the 17 Chinese rice dealer approached the Formosan named Ching Mei So (鄭美孫), 26, Formosan, S/clerk, employed at the Woo Cheng Bridge Office of the Shanghai City Government, residing at No. 206 South Jin Chi Lee off North Szechuen Road, through a Chinese (brought to the station) named Lee Tah Kwei (李塔桂), 46, Tientsin, M/master of a cigarette shop, No. 3 Woo Cheng Road, Chapei, who had made acquaintance with the Formosan clerk accosting that if the detained rice could be returned to the Chinese owners in accordance with the efforts by the Formosan, they are willing to pay \$300 to him for thanks.

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(S. S.) REGISTRY

DATE 20/12/40

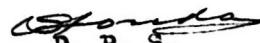
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Following the request of the Formosan, a sum of \$100 was handed over to him in advance by Lee Tah Kwei on 13-12-40. Despite that endeavours were made by the Formosan, they could not retrieve the rice up to date. Trouble ensued between both parties.

On their way to F.C. where \$100 will be returned by the Formosan after borrowing money from his friend, they quarrelled again re the rice at 3p.m. 16-12-40 when C.P.C. 1877 observed and brought them to the station.

Owing to the occurrence in Chapei, they were warned to report the matter to Chapei Police, then released later all concerned.

  
Sen. Pat.

  
D. P. S.  
C.D.S.185.

D.D.O. "A"

Copy for Special Branch.

Miss. 359/40.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REGISTRY

No. 3 803/850-44

No. 3 803/850-44

No transportation of rice from the International Settlement  
to S.C.C.P.B. Controlled Territory.

D.S.103 Baldeck

*R. Baldeck*  
Officer in charge

SIR,

At 11.55 a.m. on the 13-8-40 C.P.C. 2819  
brought to this station motor truck S.M.C. Licence  
No. 23674 driven by Tsang Ke Zing ( ) holding  
permit No. 19724, residing at 812 Robison Road the  
motor truck being loaded with 53 sacks of rice.

Inquiries by C.D.S.176 and D.S.103 Baldeck  
ascertained that at 11.50 a.m. 13-8-40 the afore-  
mentioned C.P.C. on duty at North Nanjing Road near  
Boundary Road, observed the motor truck about to  
leave the Settlement and enter S.C.C.P.B. Controlled  
Territory, he stopped the truck and asked the  
chauffeur to produce his permit to transport the  
rice, as the chauffeur failed to produce the permit  
as requested, the C.P.C. escorted the loaded truck  
to this station.

Further enquiries revealed that the rice was the  
property of Mr. Y. Kato, Japanese, Rice Dealer,  
residing at 806 North Szechuan Road he having bought  
some from the Lee Fah ( ) Company in the Young  
Wei Bank ( ) Building on Avenue Riviera VII  
near Nanjing Road, and the rice was being transported  
from the China Codown at 1040 North Szechuan Road to  
No. 13 Fuzhou Road, Chapei.

*J. D. Baldeck* On instructions of D.I. Crawford the loaded truck  
Gen. Det. 1/c 13 was allowed to continue to its destination and this  
report is forwarded for information.

D.C. "C" Div.

D.C. Special Branch.

I am,  
John  
Your obedient servant,  
D.S.103

Regd No. 311/39.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Pooteo Road, S. E. POLICE  
REGISTRY  
Date. 11.12.39. No. S.H. 10398/50  
N<sup>o</sup>. 2239  
Date.

Subject (in full).

The Tung Yih (通益) Cotton Mill, grant increase of rice allowance.

Made by..... and Forwarded by.....

D.S.I. Tilson.

Sir,

Enquiries by C.D.C. 145 (Mill duty) at the Tung Yih Cotton Mill, No. 25 Mokanshan Road, disclosed that every worker in the above concern will be allowed to purchase low rate rice from '2.00 to the value of \$4.00 at 8½ lbs for \$1.00 per month with effect from 9.12.39. The management also declared that the mill is prepared to suffer a loss of approximately \$10,000.00 in expenses in this direction for the workers. On 9.12.39. one coolie named Lieu Siau Pao (劉少保), who represented all the workers in the negotiation with the above mill management, is to be requested by the management through his guarantor named Lee Chi Ming (李志明) to resign. Lieu Siau Pao is regarded as agitator.

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Bubbling Well Police Station

File No. 14581/39

No. S. H. D. 89A/5(0)-4

## REPORT

Date Dec. 16th, 1939.

Subject..... Quantity of Rice in Rice Shops inside the Settlement  
 (Bubbling Well district)

Made by..... S/I Daintrey. Forwarded by.....

Sir,

I beg to report having visited the undermentioned Rice Shops between 7.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. ascertaining the amount of rice held in each shop was:

<u>Address</u>	<u>16-12-39</u>	<u>17-12-39</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
51 Ave. Haig	600 Zars	585 Zars	
77 "	76	70	
58 "	240	230	
71 Hart Read	350	338	
134 "	8	3	
283 "	120	90	30 Zars looted.
389 "	300	280	
9 Annam Read	230	202	
19 "	140	128	
32 "	252	82	170 Zars looted.
58 "	130	120	
102 "	500	490	
77 Kaochew Road	20	19	
1567 Avenue Road	140	132	
1074 "	150	20	100 Zars to go-down and 30 Zars sold.
1064 "	200	180	
1025 Sinza Read	50	44	
1105/7 "	700	670	
11 Seymour Read	200	98	
63/65 "	230	227	
4/280 "	150	146	
72/290 "	10	7	
301 "	140	135	

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Station,

REPORT

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Date..... 19

Subject (in full) .....

Made by..... Forwarded by.....

Continued.	16-12-39	17-12-39
350 Seymour Read	180 Zars	158 Zars
628 Weihaiwei Road	230	180
139 Moulmein Road	350	325
181 "	40	27
281 Hardeen Read	10	7
Total	<u>5746</u>	<u>4993</u>

All shop masters stated that they would open for business a.m. 17-12-39 with Police protection.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

R. Daintrey.  
Sub-Inspector

DIVISIONAL OFFICER "B" DIVISION.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 311/39.

Pootoo Road.

Station 8639A/5(e)

REPORT

Date, 11.12.39.

Subject (in full).....  
The Tung Yih (同益) Cotton Mill, grant increase of  
rice allowance.

Made by..... and Forwarded by..... D.S.I. Tilson.

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P.M.

D.D.O. B Division.

D.S.I.

D.Y. (J.B.)

Reg. 1/2



## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

Station,

Date.....19

Subject.....

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Made by.....

Forwarded by.....

breaking out on the boat and finally coming to an end on North Woochow Road when the C.P.C.S. interviewed.

According to the collies the first named person demanded \$20.00 before permission would be given to remove the rice this occurred on the boat one is advised by the detective.

During the quarrel the detectives sustained injuries which were treated at the Lester Chinese Hospital. All medical certificates are marked, contusion, not serious, not detained.

The owner of the rice nameung Sing Zung ( ) residing in a house was located and stated that the rice unloading permit was at present in the possession of the steam-ship owner named Lih Yeh Esoong ( ) who had brought the rice to Shanghai. On the latter being located this was confirmed and all parties left the station the incident being considered closed by the detectives attached to the Japanese Gendarmerie. *A. H. Lewis*

D. S.

Sen. Det.

D.O. "C".

S.C. (Special Branch).

D.C. Divisions.

D.O. "C".

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RICE SITUATION IN Dixwell Road DISTRICT ON August 29, 1939.

Total number of rice shops open for business at 8 a.m.	1
Total quantity of rice available for sale in shops (calculated in "zars")	20 "zars"
Total number of rice shops closed through lack of stocks at 8 a.m.	Nil

S. M. Bhattacharya  
Inspt.  
Officer in Charge

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G. 90M-1-8

Misc. File No. 318/39

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

8039 A/5(a)

Ch. Rd.

Singapore, 8 39

REPORT

Date Aug. 28, 1939.

Subject. Rice shops in Chengtu Road District.

Made by D.I. Hill

Forwarded by

Officer i/c

Sir,

I beg to report that on the 28-8-39, the following rice shops in this district suspended business owing to their rice stock being exhausted:-

Name of shop	Address
Yuen Zung Lee	(元興記), 189-191 Taku Road.
Sing Tah	(生大), 371-73 Taku Road.
Huh Tsung	(虎興), 503 Taku Road.
Zung Tah	(貢大), 364 Chungking Road.

The remainder are operating normally.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D. I.

D. D. O. "A"

Officer i/c Sp. Branch.

C 29  
R.H.

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(1939)

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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Misc. File No. 299/39

8039A/5(0)

West Hongkew Station, 8 39

## REPORT

Date. August 24, 1939

Subject. Condition of stock held by rice shops in West Hongkew District.

Made by. D.I. Shields.

Forwarded by

H. Gandy, Inspector,  
Officer I.C.

Sir,

Re teleprinter message of 3.52 p.m. 23-8-39. I beg to forward the stock of rice held by shops in the West Hongkew District, also price same is sold at.

Name of shops.	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Stock.</u>	<u>Price.</u>
Shing Tai	273 North Kiangse Rd	48 Zar	\$36.00
Dong Zung	295-7 " " "	11 "	"
Pao Zung	642-4 Boone Road	7 "	"
Kong Tai	712 Boone Road	25 "	"
Shing Tai	60-62 Purdon Road	11 "	"
Tsung Tuh	68 Purdon Road	20 "	\$38.00
Tsung Tai	97 " " "	6 "	"
Ling Vai Tai	340 North Honan Rd.	7 "	No price
Tuh Shing	402 " " "	Nil	
Zu Shing	424 " " "	"	
Zung Dah	590-3 Haining Road	2 Zar	No price
Yah Tsuang	96 North Thibet Road	15 "	\$30.00
Zien Tah	186 Alabaster Road	15 "	"
Wang Zang Zung	81 North Shanse Road	350 "	\$36.00
Sai Tai	28 Lane 84 N. Fokien Rd	16 "	"
Dong Tsuang	84 House 16, " " " 5 "	5 "	"
Yah Loong	55 Lane 84 " " " 10 "	10 "	"
Yung Nyi	121 North Shanse Road	4 "	"
Dah Loong	753 Tiendong Road	5 "	"
Nyoen Yah	745 " " "	3 "	"
Tai Loong	721 " " "	Nil.	
Hung Sing Zung	828 N. Soochow Road	20 Zar	\$34.00
Sing Zung	159 N. Fokien Road	10 "	\$32.00
Kwei Tai	829 Tiendong Road	13 "	\$31.00

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Dong Zung	6 North Chekiang Road	10 Zar	\$37.00
Hung Sing Kong	14-16 " " "	14 "	\$35.00
Sung Lung	117 North Honan Road	10 "	\$38.00
Yee -ung	191 North Honan Road	40 "	\$36.00
Tai Tsuang	235-7 N. Chanse Road	12 "	\$30.00
Woo Foong -ung	228 North Fokien Road	Nil.	
Kya Lung Nyue	668-72 Tiendong Road	Nil.	
Dong Yue	720 " "	10 Zar	\$39.00
Lung Chong	754-61 " "	10 "	\$36.00
Ziang Yue	181 Tsepoo Road	6 "	\$34.00
Tuh Dah	305 " "	7 "	\$36.00
Yung Kong	486 Tsepoo Road	7 "	\$39.00
Tsung Vai Foong	388 Tsepoo Road	5 "	\$30.00
Yah Tai	360 " "	40 "	\$38.00
Nyoeh Lung	270 " "	7 "	\$39.00
Liang Woo	298 N. Fokien Road	Nil.	
Nyoen Zung	729 Boone Road	60 Zar	\$35.00
Dah Foong	733 " "	30 "	\$35.00
Van Meu	168-70 N. Honan Road	24 "	\$36.00
Ng Foong Tai	561-3 Tiendong Road	15 "	"
Pao Foong	66-8 South Tiendong Rd	14 "	"
Loong Tai	130 Tsepoo Road	10 "	"
Sing Zung	149 Tsepoo Road	15 "	"
Zung Dau	812 Haining Road	1 "	No price.
Hung Foong Chong	954 Haining Road	30 "	\$36.00
Woo Foong Hung	313 Elgin Road	Nil.	
Nyoeh Zung	383 " "	Nil.	
Foh Chong	471 " "	Nil.	

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Made by.....

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Loh Sing Yue	501 Elgin Road	Nil.	
Heng Loong	151 Cunningham Road	Nil.	
Dong Tuh	264 N. Chekiang Road	Nil.	
Yung Kong	456 Tsepoo Road	24 Zar	\$39.80
Noong Saung	121 Kifeng Road	Nil.	
Foh Tai	130 " "	Nil.	
Zung Chong	198 " "	Nil.	
Foh Sung	1027 Haining Road	Nil.	
Dong Nyuen	894 Tiendong Road	Nil.	
Huh Sing	890 " "	10 Zar	\$34.00
Zung Nyon Chong	870 " "	60 "	\$36.00
Sing Huh Zung	792 " "	4 "	\$32.00
Dah Foong	403 Tsepoo Road.	Nil.	
Dong Shing	235 Cunningham Road	Nil.	

Up to time of forwarding this report no trouble has been experienced at any of the above shops.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. Phillips  
Det. Inspt.

D.D.O.'C' Div.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Misc. File No. 318/39  
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT

Chengtu Road S 8194A/570  
Date Aug. 23 1939 39-39

Subject Rice shops in Chengtu Road District.

Made by D. I. Hill

Forwarded by A. B. Lewis, O. S. P.  
Officer in Charge

Sir,

I beg to report that between the 18-8-39 and 22-8-39, the following rice shops in this district suspended business owing to their rice stocks being exhausted,-

Name of shop	Proprietor	Address
Ming Sung (民生)	Kuh Yah Ming (高漢明)	3 Chengtu Rd.
Foong Chong (豐盛)	Zung Chi Ming (蔭季明)	43 "
Foh Zung (福興)	Wang Foh Kong (汪福慶)	86-8 "
Nyi Zung (義成)	Wong Zieng Hou (黃祥侯)	483 Taku Road.
Ziang Shing (詳興)	Zee Hung Bai (徐恩白)	66 "
Sing Dah (生大)	Woo Tuh Chong (吳德昌)	371-3 "
Yung Zung (永興)	Yao Zung Tuh (姚承德)	201 "
Tung Dah (通大)	Zau Zong Ling (朱宗慶)	375 Weihaiwei Rd.
Tah Zung (大興)	Woo Ping Tsong (吳炳章)	364 Chungking Rd.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,


  
D. I.

D. D. O. "A"

Officer in Charge Sp. Branch.

P. D. (Aw)

Arranging for  
return of  
stocks fromall  
outlets  
Aug 26th

Officer in Charge

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. 1100. 285/39.

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Hongkew

Station,

## REPORT

Date. Aug. 23rd, 1939.

Subject.

Report on situation of Rice Shops in Hongkew District.

Made by.

and

Forwarded by. Det. Insp. G. Telfer.

Sir,

With reference to the teletypewriter message received from the P.A. to D.C. (Divisions) at 3.52 p.m. on August 23rd, 1939, which reads as follows:-

"All stations please ascertain the situation regarding Rice Shops in your district and forward report to Special Branch tomorrow morning."

From enquiries made between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. the following was ascertained:-

<u>Rice Shop</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Number of Piculs on hand</u>
(1) Zeu Tai (聚泰)	239 Tiendong Road	60
(2) Loong Sung (隆盛)	246 " "	100
(3) Gee Tai (吉泰)	207 Woochang Road	90
(4) Dong Tai Shing (同泰興)	229 " "	80
(5) Dong Fah (同發)	345 " "	2
(6) Kwan Tai Zah (廣泰棧)	416 " "	1
(7) Zang Yue Tai (長裕泰)	459 " "	15
(8) Zang Sung (長盛)	384 Woosung Road	76
(9) Hung Foong (恒丰)	279 Miller Road	10
(10) Foh Cheng (福昌)	239 " " no rice	
(11) Yah Zung (協盛)	291 " "	25
(12) Van Zung (萬盛)	116 Hanbury Road	20
(13) Lau Dah Chong (老大昌)	212 E. Hanbury Road	20
(14) Yee Foong Zung (義豐興)	368 E. Seward Road	6
(15) Yee Dah (怡大)	452 " " "	15
(16) Teh Zung Chong (德成興)	171 Market Street	5
(17) Te Tai (志泰)	220 Seward Road	25
	Total	550

Copy for Mr. R. D. Yorks  
D.B. (Special Branch)

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Wang Shih  
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It was also learned that first grade rice was being sold at \$39.00 per picoul and second grade at \$37.00.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. D. D. O. "C" Div.

f 24  
4 Det. Insp.

Alexander Pfeffer

W.O "A"  
W.C (Divisions)

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Central 8039 A/510  
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Aug. 24th. 39.

Rice Situation - Central District.

D.I. Duncan.

Sir,

In connection with teleprinter message of 3.52p.m.  
23/8/39 a check up shows that the rice situation in-  
the Central District is as follows:-

1. Tai San Rice Shop, No.68 Henan Road.

No rice stored in their godown.

210 zars of rice in the shop.

Daily sales..... 50 zars (before)  
200 zars (present)

Price between \$35.00 and \$37.00 per zar.

2. Soong Zung Rice Shop, No.94 Henan Road.

700 zars stored in their godown.

40 zars of rice in the shop.

Daily sales..... 30 or 40 zars (before)

80 zars (present)

Price between \$34.00 and \$37.00 per zar.

3. Woo Zung Rice Shop, No.318 Avenue Edward VII.

700 zars stored in their godown.

300 zars of rice in the shop.

Daily sales..... 70 zars (before)

130 zars (present)

Price between \$36.00 and \$37.00 per zar.

4. Loong Zung Rice Shop, No.569 Szechuan Road.

600 zars stored in their godown.

100 zars of rice stored in the shop.

Daily sales..... 40 zars (before)

70 zars (present)

Price \$37.00 per zar.

P.A. (S.R.)  
to D. C. (Divisions)

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5. Sing Tai Rice Shop, No.125 Ningpo Road.

70 zars stored in their godown.

No rice in the shop at time of enquiry.

Daily sales..... 40 zars (before)

80 zars (present)

Price \$27.00 per zar.

No trouble was experienced at any of the rice shops  
during the day 22/8/29.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*Whitman*

Det. Insp.

D. D. O. "A".

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# **SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

**CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP**

Sp. Br. Registry OFFICE

FILE NO. D 8039A/5(6)-5

**SUBJECT:**

## RICE - Cheap sale of

F. 107A  
M-10-39

**CONFIDENTIAL**

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. REGISTRY  
N. S. B. D. 8039A/5(0)-6

Date 29/2/40  
Headquarters,  
Shanghai Municipal Police.

February 27, 1940.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

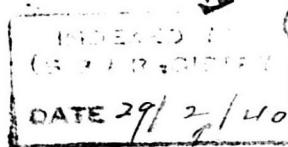
The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:- S.B. D. 8039A/5(0)-6.

Subject :- Japanese Authorities - purchase rice in the producing areas.

Enclosures

Copy of a Police Report.



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G. 90M-1-39

CONFIDENTIAL

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section I, Special Branch, Shanghai

REPORT

Date February 27, 1940

Date

Subject Japanese authorities - purchase rice in the producing areas.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford.

According to information received by local rice dealers, the Japanese authorities have placed an order for 500,000 bags of rice with the rice dealers operating in producing areas along the S.N.R. line. Another order for 210,000 bags with dealers operating at places along the S.H.N.R. line, at the price of \$21.00 and \$22.00 per "zar", which was complied with when the dealers requested that when completed they be permitted to transport a similar quantity to Shanghai for sale. The rice is for military use and it is reported they will be completed by the end of March. The places supply this rice are as follows :-

Place (S.N.R. line)	Quantity
Quinsan	100,000 bags
Changshu	100,000 "
Soochow	100,000 "
Wusieh	100,000 "
Changchow	100,000 "
	500,000 bags

(S.H.N.R. line)

Sunkiang	30,000 bags
Kingshan	70,000 "
Tsingpu	70,000 "
Fengking	20,000 "
Siking	10,000 "
Hwangjao	10,000 "
	210,000 "

Commr. of Police  
Sir:

Information:

R. D. York  
A.S. (Sp. Br.)

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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It is understood that approximately 40% of the above mentioned orders have already been met.

According to the Bean and Rice Hong Owners' Guild, large consignments of foreign rice are due to arrive before March 15. Orders totalling 550,000 bags have been placed since November, 1939, and some 400,000 of this amount has already arrived in Shanghai.

  
D. I.

A. C. ( Special Branch ).

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. I. Special Branch/Suburb

## REPORT

Date December 18, 1939

8039A/5616

Subject Alleged Detention of Trucks containing rice by Japanese Naval Landing

Party

Made by D. S. Henchman Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Mr. Eveleigh, Manager of Messrs. Louis Dreyfus & Co., was visited in connection with the attached report and was asked to provide details concerning the drivers and licence numbers of the trucks alleged to have been detained by the Japanese Naval Landing Party. Though promising to comply with this request, Mr. Eveleigh has not, as yet, done so and when reminded of his promise excused himself by stating that he was experiencing difficulty in obtaining the data required due to the fear of the truck drivers that they might be involved in a dispute with the Japanese Naval Landing Party. Mr. Eveleigh does not explain his inability to provide the Police with the licence numbers of the trucks.



D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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These trucks were stopped when approaching the Bridge — not actually on the Bridge itself — by people of the revenue type. They were ordered to pull into a side street and after lengthy interrogation allowed to proceed

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18-12-39

D. S. Henchman

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.: Miss. 434/39.

Division.  
Hongkew Police Station.  
December 9th, 1939

Diary Number:-	1.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day
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## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Re alleged detention of several m/trucks with rice by the Japanese Naval Landing Party.

At 1<sup>o</sup> noon 9/12/39, instruction was received from D.O.C. to make enquiries re several m/trucks loaded with Saigon rice and which were detained by the J.N.L.P. on the Garden Bridge.

Further information also was received from the Headquarters (Special Branch) that the rice is the property of the Preysus Company (French firm) and same was transported from the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf (i.e. "Owner") to south of Creek.

It was also said that two m/trucks of rice were detained at about 3 p.m. 8/12/39, and two m/trucks sometime in the morning of 9/12/39.

Immediately D.S. Ueoka and the undersigned visited the J.N.L.P. Headquarters and made enquiries.

Warrant officer Nakaseko who was in charge of all bridges (Garden, Chappoo and N.Szechuen) until 9 a.m. 9/12/39, was located and he said that no m/trucks loaded with rice were detained on 8/12/39.

The above officer also communicated with the officer who took charge of bridges from 9 a.m. 9/12/39 and later also said that no rice was detained on 9/12/39.

It was also learned that nothing could be detained or seized on any bridge without informing the officer i/c bridges.

*J. H. Martin*  
Gen. Secy. D.O.C.

*J. H. Martin*  
D. S. I.

*J. H. Martin*  
D.D.O.C.  
for Robertson  
D. S. I. Branch

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.: Misc. 434/39.

"C" Division  
Hongkew Police Station  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1., Special Branch *8039A/STC/4*

REPORT

Date. Jan. 17, 1940.

Subject. Japanese purchase and export of rice.

Made by..... and..... Forwarded by..... D.L. Crawford.....

Early in November, 1939, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha were authorized by the Japanese military authorities to purchase 400,000 "zars" of rice at Sungkiang and Wusieh respectively for consumption of Japanese troops and also for the people of Japan and North China. The rice dealers and hong owners in those areas however showed their unwillingness to sell to these people and the wholesale purchases by the two Japanese firms were practically unsuccessful. It is estimated that only 20,000 bags were purchased in the Wusieh area and 30,000 bags in the Sungkiang area and transported by rail direct to Woosung, being exported from this point to North China and Japan. The unwillingness on the part of the dealers to sell to the Japanese was brought about by the low prices offered for the cereal and this attitude on December 1, 1939, resulted in the suspension of export permits to Chinese dealers transporting rice to Shanghai. Consignments of rice (totalling some 25,000 bags) which arrived in Shanghai on December 8, 9 and 10, on the strength of export permits issued prior to December 1, were detained at Markham Road Junction and subsequently transported to Woosung by rail and thence exported. Although the Japanese authorities



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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

**REPORT**.....  
*Station,*

Date ..... 19

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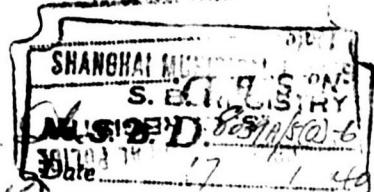
announced a price of \$20.50 (See Mee) and \$25.50 (Kan Mee) per bag of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  "zar" as the official price, no payments have been made as yet to the dealers concerned.

The Japanese have, however, made successful purchases of rice in Wuhu, Anhwei, the large "See Mee" rice producing area.

D. T.

A.C. (Special Branch)

LOUIS DREYFUS & CO.  
P. O. BOX 667  
SHANGHAI



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10th January 1940.

Monsieur M. Baudet,  
Consul-General for France.  
2, Rue du Consulat.  
Shanghai.

Sir,

Re: SAIGON RICE TO SHANGHAI.

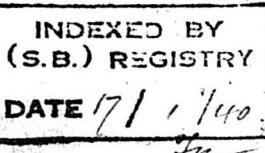
Please refer to our letter of the 21st December 1939, when we reported that in all 3 lighters with about 1200 bags of Saigon Rice had been detained by some Japanese but were eventually released.

In the intervening 3 weeks we have had several further annoying incidents, but having successfully explained matters to the Japanese Naval and other Authorities, and believing that these explanations would free us from further annoyances, we did not report them to you. As we are again faced with a very serious situation as described below we are obliged to recount the following.

On Monday, the 8th instant, at about 1 P.M., 7 motor trucks, each loaded with about 40 to 45 bags Saigon Rice from the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co's Hunt's Wharf, Broadway, when trying to cross the Garden Bridge into the Central District, were arrested by the Japanese Gendarmerie and taken to their Headquarters on North Szechuan Road where the trucks with the rice, the drivers and the coolies were detained overnight and only released at about 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 9th instant, and they came over to the Central District. The S.M.C. License numbers are:-

17398 - 23089 - 23465 - 16988 - 16534 - 16704 - 23096.

Our Mr. J. Lang spent a whole morning at the Gendarmerie Headquarters when he proved to the Officials that the rice was of French origin, imported by a French firm, and shipped by British steamer "Hannah Moller", and some by the Italian steamer "CORTELLAZZO" from Saigon to Shanghai, and it was only after very tedious waiting for a certain official to come to the office before the trucks were released. We believed then that this incident having been explained there would be no repetition and therefore did not wish to trouble you about the matter.



To Monsieur M. Baudet,  
Shanghai.

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Today a large number of trucks again went to the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co's Hunt's Wharf, Broadway, to take delivery of further lots of Saigon rice, and they were not interfered with until they reached the Garden Bridge when they were not allowed to cross over the Bridge and ordered to turn back. They were not arrested or detained as on the 8th instant, but as they were not allowed to cross the Bridge to the Central District the trucks were obliged to return to the Wharf and park there until a settlement is arrived at over this interference.

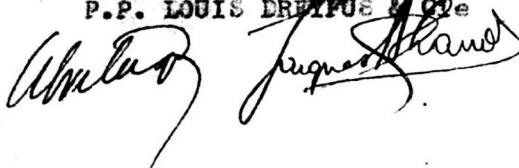
The Japanese Gendarmerie have explained that they cannot allow transportation of any kind of rice over the Garden Bridge into the Central District or into the French Concession without the trucks being able to show some kind of a Pass issued by the Ta Tao Authorities situated at the "Civic Centre at Kiangwan Road". This demand seems to us very pretentious as we fail to see how any regulations which may be issued by the Ta Tao Officials, outside of the area of the Foreign Concessions, can be made applicable to foreign residents inside these areas. We would ask your guidance as to whether we should apply for such so-called "Passes."

The S.M.Police are evidently not able to help us in this matter, and as a continuance of such interference of our freedom to trade in foreign rice and to transport it within the area of the Foreign Concessions is an infringement of our Treaty rights, we beg you, Sir, to make the necessary representations as soon as possible at the correct quarters.

We beg to remain, Sir,

Yours obedient Servants,  
P.P. LOUIS DREIFUS & CO

A.E/k.



c.c. Monsieur J. Bredias, Directeur Technique des Services Municipaux.  
Mr. G. G. Phillips, Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council.  
Sir Robert Calder-Marshall, Chairman, S.M.C. Food Sub-Committee.  
Mr. H. D. W. Robertson, Deputy Commissioner, S.M.P.

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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY."C"*Division.*

CRIME REGISTER No:-

Mis. 19/40.

Hongkew Police Station.  
January 10th 1940.

Diary Number:-	1.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Transportation of rice objected by Japanese Gendarme.

At 2.40 p.m. 10/1/40, F.P.S.11 on Garden Bridge duty reported at the station to the effect that between 2.15 pm and 2.20 pm even date, several m/trucks loaded with rice to be transported to a French firm, F.C. had been stopped and taken away by a Japanese Gendarme from the above bridge.

On receipt of the report, the undersigned proceeded to the Gendarmerie Headquarters, Bridge House, where the undersigned was told that the above stated cargo had not been detained there and they had not received any information regarding the affair.

At 4.20 pm 10/1/40, Mr. W.M. McLennan, Deputy Supt. of the Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf Co. Ltd., accompanied by his Japanese interpreter Mr. M. Tanaka, came to the station and stated that the said m/trucks with the cargo had not been allowed by a Gendarme to pass over the bridge and the trucks driven back to the Hongkew Wharf where the rice had been ashored from a steamship arriving from Saigon.

Mr. McLennan requested assistance of a Japanese detective to proceed with them to the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters to give explanation regarding the ownership of the rice.

Rice is being shipped  
by Dreyfus & Co.

Copy for Mr. J. Robertson,  
A.C. (Special Branch)

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Enquiries at the Headquarters ascertained that rice is one of the prohibited goods by the Japanese Military Authorities whenever such goods be carried from Hongkew areas to South of Creek unless a permit for transportation of same being obtained from the Japanese Intendance Corps, whether or not such goods belong to a foreign concern.

Mr. McLennan with his interpreter left there with understanding of the above effect.

1/11/40  
D.P.S.  
Sen. Det. i/c.

  
D.P.S. 841.

O.R.O.

D.D.O. "G".

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.: Mico.16/40.

ngu Division.  
Hongkew Police Station.  
January 9, 1940.

Diary Number:-	2.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

### RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

M/Trucks loaded with Saigon Rice detained by Japanese Gendarmes on Garden Bridge.

At 10.30 a.m. 9/1/40 the undersigned together with Mr. Jacques A Lang, an employee of the Louis Dreyfus & Co., proceeded to the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters, Bridge House, N. Szechuen Road where we interviewed Second Sub-lieutenant Ando who, in turn, told us that in case of Chinese owners, who wish to remove rice to the South of the Soochow Creek, they must first obtain permits from the Paymasters' Department of the Japanese Army.

*Copy for Mr. J. Robertson  
S.C. (Special Branch)*

The m/trucks loaded with Saigon rice have been detained by Japanese Gendarmes on Garden Bridge because none of the persons on the trucks could produce any permits or documents to prove the owners of the rice being foreigners.

As the owners of the rice have been found to be foreigners therefore the seven m/trucks loaded with rice were released at 11.50 a.m. this instant.

Sen. Det. 1/c.

*M. J. Williamson*  
De P. S. 630.

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## CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No.: Misc.16/40.

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"C" Division.  
Hongkew Police Station.  
January 8th 1940.

Diary Number:-	1.	Nature of Offence:-
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day

## RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

M/trucks loaded with Saigon Rice detained by Japanese Gendarmes on Garden Bridge.

At 3 p.m. 8/1/40, a telephone message was received from Louis Dreyfus & Co., 181 Kiangse Road stating that a great number of sacks containing Saigon rice loaded on several m/trucks had been taken away by Japanese Gendarmes from Garden Bridge and detained at their headquarters, Bridge House.

Enquiries by the undersigned ascertained that the m/trucks had been detained on the ground that the Company failed to obtain permits from the Paymasters' Department of the Japanese Army at Civic Centre for the transportation of the above cargoes to south of the Soochow Creek.

At 5 p.m. 8/1/40, the undersigned accompanied by one named Ching Shing Vung (金星文), an employee of the above Company, proceeded to the Bridge House and explained to a provost sergeant Furuta that no permits had previously been required for any rice imported from abroad on presentation of "Bill of Lading".

On the following explanation, the Gendarme, after obtaining the instructions from a senior officer, allowed one of the eight m/trucks to be released, however, the remaining seven m/trucks could not be permitted to go until their full investigations regarding the origin of the rice are completed.

Louis Dreyfus & Co advised to report matter to U.S. Consulate at Perkins C.

D.D.O."C".

D.P.S.630.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1, Special Branch, 8039/5(0)-L

## REPORT

Date December 27, 1939

Subject (in full) Cheap rice sale depot at 966-8 Yu Yuen Road.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

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dates 22/12/39

With reference to the attached report from Bubbling Well Station on the cheap rice sale depot established at 966-8, Yu Yuen Road, enquiries ascertain that this establishment obtained their supplies from the Western suburbs of Shanghai. Takamatsu, the owner of the shop, has close affiliations with the Japanese tropps stationed at the Toyoda Cotton Mill, No.200 Jessfield Road (beyond the perimeter), who are responsible for the garrisoning of the Western suburbs, and with the assistance of the latter, he is said to have coerced the owners of the rice boats detained in the Soochow Creek to sell their rice to him at prices around \$20.00 per "zar."



Liao Chung Chien.  
D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Bubbling Well Station,  
Date 22nd December, 39.

Subject (in full) Rice sold at less than market price in Western District.

Made by Det. Inspector Tabrum Forwarded by *J. McFarlane* C/Inspector i/c.

Sir;

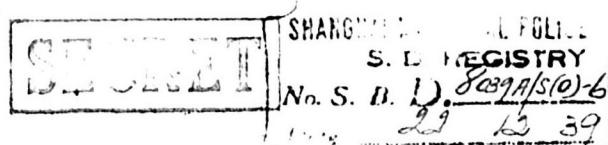
Information has been received that a Japanese named Takamatsu has recently opened a shop at 966-8 Yu Yuen Road for the sale of rice.

The shop started business on 20-12-39, and is selling rice at the price of \$30.00 per 160 catties.

Individual purchasers are allowed to buy \$6.00 worth of rice only, and before they can do this, a ticket for the amount must first be obtained from the shop. This ticket may then be presented for the specified amount of rice.

*R. Tabrum*  
Det. Inspector

D.C. (Special Branch)



Headquarters,  
Shanghai Municipal Police.

December 20, 1939.

To.

The Secretary & Commissioner General.

The Commissioner of Police presents his compliments in forwarding herewith the undermentioned documents.

Reference No:- Misc. No, 297/39 (Yulin Rd.)

Subject :- Large Stock of Rice stored in the Commercial Express & Storage Company Godown, at 480 Baikal Road.

Enclosures

Copy of a Police Report.

*(Signature)*

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.To P. O. Commissioner  
Shanghai, 20-8-1932

The two reports have been combined as requested by the G. of P., but the name of the informer has been omitted. We have no record of the stock held in the North of Creek & we are unable to check on this storage, although we have had information of such seizure.

from C. Crawford

SHANGHAI POLICE  
S. I. REGISTRY  
Stock of Rice in the Commercial Express  
and Storage Company Godown, 480 Baikal Road

S. I. REGISTRY  
No. S. I. D. 8039A/5(6)-6

Date December 18, 1939.

On December 12, 1939, 1,700 sacks of rice were transported by motor truck to the godown of the Commercial Express and Storage Company at 480 Baikal Road and 300 large bales of cotton to the godown of the same company at Chaofoong Road, from lighters tied alongside the Kwang Shing Public Jetty, Yangtszepoo Road. On December 16, 1939, the 1,700 sacks of rice were removed from 480 Baikal Road, and transported to and stored in godowns owned by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha at Dixwell Road and East Broadway corner.

Another consignment of rice, consisting of 5,000 sacks, which arrived in Shanghai on December 14 and were intended for unloading at the Kwang Shing Public Jetty, Yangtszepoo Road, were later transported by river to the M.B.K. godown at Dixwell Road and East Broadway corner for storage.

According to information received by Yulin Road Police Station from a person arrested on December 12, 1939 when a dispute arose over the transportation of the rice, the two consignments of rice mentioned in the previous paragraph were brought to Shanghai from the interior for delivery to Chinese owners residing south of the Creek, but the M.B.K. company on learning of the owners persuaded them to sell the entire lot to them at their price. The first consignment of 1,700 sacks being purchased at slightly over \$32 per "zar." It was also learned from this arrest that the instructions for the seizure were issued by a Japanese subject named N. Tsushima, Manager of the San Shin (三光) Co., Exporters and Importers, Room No. 124A, Harpoon

Building, 233 Nanking Road. This Japanese has transported materials and foodstuffs on many occasions from the interior to Shanghai on behalf of Chinese clients.

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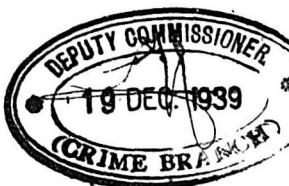
SECRET.2<sup>nd</sup> REPORT

Yulin Road Station,

Date Dec. 18th, 1939.

Subject Large Stock of Rice Stored in the Commercial Express  
and Storage Company Godown, at 480, Baikal Road.

Made by D. S. I. Ross

Forwarded by *D. S. I. Ross**D. C. C.  
D. O.  
Information**D.  
D. O. "D"**19/12**favor of  
passing to  
D.C. Divs.,  
please.**Received 19/12**C.P.**D.S. (Div)**D.S. (S.B.)*

Sir,

On the morning of December 16th 1939, the 1,700 sacks of rice were removed from the Commercial Express and Storage Company Godown, 480, Baikal Road, and transported to and stored in godowns owned by the Mitsui Bussan Keisha, at Dixwell Road and East Broadway corner.

It was learned from Levin, that the M.B.K., had prevailed upon the Chinese owners to sell the consignment of rice to the company. Slightly over \$62.00 per picul was paid for the rice, which permitted the owners to make only a very small percentage of profit.

It was further learned from Levin, that on December 14th 1939, N. Tsushima brought another consignment of rice, consisting of 5,000 sacks, from the interior to Shanghai. This consignment of rice was also intended for delivery to the Chinese owners, in the South of the Creek area, but once again the M.B.K. company stepped in and purchased the entire lot.

This consignment of rice, which it had been intended to unload at the Kwang Shing Public Jetty, Yangtszepoo Road, is now being transported by river to the M.B.K. godown at Dixwell Road and East Broadway corner, for storage.

*D.C. (S.P. B.)**Please give me a combined  
report on these two.*

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

*J. J. Ross.*

D.D.O. "D"



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Yulin Road Station,  
Date Dec. 12th., 1939Subject Large Stock of Rice Stored in the Commercial Express  
and Storage Company Godown, at 480, Baikal Road.

Made by D. S. I. Ross

Forwarded by *D. B. Brownrigg, D.S.P.*

Sir,

*D. C. Crime*  
*D. O. Information*  
*D. D. O. "D"*

At 5.10 p.m. December 12th. 1939, a report was received at Yulin Road Police Station regarding a case of assault which occurred, during the unloading of a motor-truck load of rice, outside the entrance to the Commercial Express and Storage Company Godown, 480, Baikal Road. (Vide F. I. R. 1148/39).

*MacD.*  
*B. J. D.*

Investigation of this report led to the arrest of a Russian Jew, one named Sam Levin, aged 28 years, a motor-truck broker, residing at No. 16 Park Apartment, 455, Rue Lafayette, F.C.

*D. C. (CRIME BRANCH)*

*14 DEC. 1939*

*DEPUTY COMMISSIONER*

During the questioning of Levin he disclosed that, acting on the instructions of a Japanese subject named N. Tsushima, Manager of the San Shin (三新) Co., Exports and Importers, Room No. 124 A, Hardoon Building, 233 Nanking Road, whom he has known for some years, he arranged transportation for 1,700 sacks of rice and 300 large bales of cotton from lighters tied alongside the Kwang Shing Public Jetty, Yangtszepoo Road. The cotton was stored in the godown of the Commercial Express and Storage Company, at Chaoufoong Road, and the rice in the godown of the same company, at 480 Baikal Road.

*D. C. (S. P. B.)*

*13 DEC. 1939*

*DEPUTY COMMISSIONER*

\* According to Levin he does not know from which part of the interior the rice arrived, but he is aware that Tsushima has sufficient influence to enable him <sup>(T)</sup> to transport materials and foodstuffs from the interior on behalf of Chinese. Levin is aware that Tsushima has already done so on a number of occasions, and he believes that the present cargo of rice is intended for the use of a group of Tsushima's Chinese friends, who are residing South of the Creek, but he is unable supply any names.

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The detectives visited the godown, and observed a large



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stock of rice therein.

The godown will be kept under observation for a time, in an effort to trace the destination of the rice, if the stock is removed.

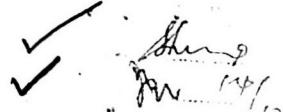
I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,



D.D.O. "D" Div.

D.C. (Special Branch) (Forwarded)



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## REPORT

Yulin Road Station 803/10/16/6  
Date Dec 12th., 1939Subject..... Large Stock of Rice Stored in the Commercial Express  
and Storage Company Godown, at 480, Baikal Road.

Made by..... D. S. I. Ross

Forwarded by *P. C. Browning, Disp.*

Sir,

D.C  
Sh. Br.  
C. 13  
At 5.10 p.m. December 12th. 1939, a report was received at Yulin Road Police Station regarding a case of assault which occurred, during the unloading of a motor-truck load of rice, outside the entrance to the Commercial Express and Storage Company Godown, 480, Baikal Road. (Vide F.I.R. 1148/39):

Investigation of this report led to the arrest of a Russian Jew, one named Sam Levin, aged 28 years, a motor-truck broker, residing at No. 16 Park Apartment, 455, Rue Lafayette, F.C.

*FULLY*  
During the questioning of Levin he disclosed that, acting on the instructions of a Japanese subject named N. Tsushima, Manager of the San Shin (三新) Co., Exports and Importers, Room No. 124 A, Harcourt Building, 233 Nanking Road, whom he has known for some years, he arranged transportation for 1,700 sacks of rice and 300 large bales of cotton from lighters tied alongside the Kwang Shing Public Jetty, Yangtsze Poo Road. The cotton was stored in the godown of the Commercial Express and Storage Company, at Chaoufoong Road, and the rice in the godown of the same company, at 480 Baikal Road.

According to Levin he does not know from which part of the interior the rice arrived, but he is aware that Tsushima has sufficient influence to enable him to transport materials and foodstuffs from the interior on behalf of Chinese. Levin is aware that Tsushima has already done so on a number of occasions, and he believes that the present cargo of rice is intended for the use of a group of Tsushima's Chinese friends, who are residing South of the Creek, but he is unable supply any names.

The detectives visited the godown, and observed a large

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stock of rice therein.

The godown will be kept under observation for a time, in an effort to trace the destination of the rice, if the stock is removed.

Visiting Card attached.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,



D.D.O."D"Div.

D.C. (Special Branch) (Forwarded)

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S.1, Special Branch

REPORT

Date Nov. 20, 1939.

Subject..... Interference with rice stored in the Settlement by  
Japanese Military Police.

Made by D.S.I. Hide Forwarded by.....

On November 15 and 16, 1939, some 625 bags of rice arrived at Markham Road Junction by train from Wusih. Export of rice from this locality is prohibited except by permission of the Japanese authorities and it was subsequently ascertained that this consignment had been dispatched by the Wusih branch of the Yung Shing (永興) Transport Co. of 761 South Soochow Road under a forged permit purporting to have been issued to a Japanese named Botoku Kichijima, c/o Kichiko Co., Wusih.

The Japanese Military Police then detained 375 bags still at the Junction and instituted enquiries to trace the remaining 250 bags which had already been delivered to the purchasers.

It was ascertained that 125 bags had been delivered to the Yuen Mei (元美) Rice Hong at 344/13 Burkill Road, which on November 18 was visited by a party of Japanese military police who nailed up the room in which the rice was stored and informed the occupants that the consignment would be removed on the following day.

Taking with them two Chinese employees of the Hong, the party proceeded to the Yah Chong Teh Rice Hong (雅豐德) at 206 Avenue Road which concern had purchased the remaining 125 bags. Of this number, 48 had been retailed in small quantities and 77 sold to the Zung Foong Yoöng (忠豐永) Rice Hong at 754/102 Tsepoo Road by whom they had been stored in

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a godown at 777 Soochow Road.

These addresses were visited by the Japanese Military Police who announced that they would take possession of all available bags at 9 a.m. on November 19 and that the remaining bags would have to be made good by the respective purchasers.

The case was subsequently reported to the Municipal Police and guards posted at the three places at which the rice was stored.

On the morning of the 19th, the Japanese Military Police arrived at 777 Soochow Road with five motor trucks with the intention of seizing the rice. A party of police in charge of the D.O. "A" Division attended and after some discussion it was agreed that the rice should remain under police guard until investigations have been completed.

*L. W. S. I.*

D. S. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Louza Station

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FURTHER REPORT

Date Nov 19 1939

Subject Japanese Military Police and Japanese Civilian Attempt to Seize

Rice from Godown at 777 Goochow Road.

Made by D.S.I. Elders

Forwarded by S. L. Bullock 1/6

Sir,

At 12.30 a.m. on the 19-11-39, a telephone message was received at Louza Station from D.S.I. Watson, Sinza Station, to the effect that he had been instructed by the D.O. "B" Division, to inform Louza Station that some Japanese had attempted to seize some rice in a godown in West Hongkew District and Sinza District and also in Louza District and the D.O. "B" Division had requested that a Police guard be posted at the godown in Louza District to prevent removal of the rice.

The godown in question is owned by the Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank Ltd., and is located at 777 Goochow Road.

F.P.S. Morrison and C.P.C. 1307 were posted on duty at the godown at 7 a.m. 19-11-39.

At 8.55 a.m. 19-11-39 F.P.S. Morrison informed Louza Station by telephone, from No. 2 Telephone Box, that a party of Japanese had arrived at the godown with five motor trucks.

The D.O. "A" Division, officer i/c of Louza Station, and a party of Uniform Police and detectives attended. F.S.No. 675 Murata and F.P.S. 817 Gondo were also called to the scene from Central Station.

Enquiries were made at the godown and it was ascertained that the Japanese wished to seize certain rice from the godown which rice was claimed by Chinese. However, it was eventually decided to leave the rice in the godown under Police guard until such time as the matter

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could be properly investigated. The Police party together with the Japanese and Chinese parties concerned then all returned to Louza Station, while a Police guard was left at the godown.

Further enquiries were then conducted by D.S.I. Elders, D.S.I. Kobayashi and C.I.C. 336.

The Japanese party consisted of Sergeant Uyetaka Take attached to the Japanese Military Police at Wusich and Mr. Kuma Toyota, Manager of the Tung Shu (東華) Trading Co. 176 Papshan Road, C.O.L. residing 51 Tung Tsau Li (東華里) Scott Road and two employees of the Nippon Transportation Co., North Szechuen Road.

According to Mr. Toyota, he had been away from Shanghai in Wuhu on business from the 14-11-39 to the 17-11-39. When he returned to Shanghai on the evening of the 17-11-39 he was questioned by the Japanese Military Police as to whether he had recently transported rice from Wusich to Shanghai. He had replied in the negative because he knew that the Japanese Military had a monopoly on all rice in Wusich.

He was informed by the Military Police that a cargo of 600 bags of rice had been despatched from Wusich to him in Shanghai on the 13-11-39 on 14-11-39. The rice had been sent by railway to the Markham Road Station and the Military Police had made enquiries and found that 250 bags of the rice had already been removed from that station on the 15-11-39 while the other 350 bags were still there. These 350 bags had

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been seized by the Military Police.

Mr. Toyota denied all knowledge of the rice and it was then ascertained that the delivery permit referring to the removal of the rice from Wusich was counterfeit. The delivery permit purported to show that the rice had been sent to Shanghai by a Japanese named Botoku Kichijima c/o Kichiko Co., Wusich, who had obtained the rice from the Yung Shing (永興) Rice Hong in Wusich, the manager of which hong is a Chinese named Soong Sih Yang (宋錫揚), for delivery to Mr. Toyota in Shanghai.

Mr. Toyota was suspected by the Military Police of illegally bringing the rice to Shanghai because he had previous dealings with the Yung Shing Rice Hong in Wusich. Therefore, Mr. Toyota and the Military Police continued enquiries with a view to finding the 250 bags of rice.

They succeeded in ascertaining through the Nyeu Ping Kee (裕興記) Transportation Co., 17 Canton Road, who had transported the rice from the Markham Road Station, that 125 bags of the rice had been taken to a rice hong at Lane 344/13 Burkhill Road and 125 bags to a rice hong at 208 Avenue Road.

Mr. Toyota and Sergeant Take of the Military Police went to these rice hongs on the afternoon of the 18-11-39. Enquiries at the first hong revealed that the proprietor was absent.

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At the second hong they questioned the manager and ascertained that he had received 125 bags of the rice but he had re-sold 75 bags to the Zung Woong Yoeng (忠永) Rice Hong at Lane 754/102 Taenoo Road, the other 50 bags had been sold in retail to customers.

They took the manager of this shop to the hong on Taenoo Road and there interviewed the manager of that hong who told them that the 75 bags of rice were then stored in a godown at No. 777 Gaohui Road. The manager of this hong took them to the godown and showed them the rice.

Mr. Toyota said he explained to the rice hong manager that the rice had been brought to Shanghai by the illegal way of Avenue Road and that the rice should be handed over to the Military Police. He also told them that he would bring trucks to remove the rice from the godown and the hong at 9-a.m. on the 19-11-39 and the hong managers agreed to this, the manager of the hong on Avenue Road also agreeing to make up the 50 bags which he had already sold.

Regarding the other 125 bags of rice, these are at present stored at the Yuan Kow (元茂) Rice Hong at Lane 344/13 Burkhill Road.

Two employees of this hong were arrested by Mr. Toyota on the 18-11-39 and taken to the Military Police in Hongkew because they were unable to give a satisfactory statement regarding the rice.

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Full details of the activities of Mr. Toyota and the Military Police in Jinza District are recorded in Jinza Station Mac. Report No. 613/39 (copy attached).

The two Chinese who came to the Station with the Police party from the godown on Soochow Road proved to be (1) Tseu S Loh (施安利) Assistant of the Yan Tsang Fun (嚴長富) Rice Shop, 208 Avenue Road and (2) Wong Hwai Zung (王懷成) proprietor of the Zung Foong Yoong Rice Shop Lane 754/102 Taiping Road.

The 1st named stated that he purchased 125 bags of rice from the Yoong Suas (永成) Rice Hong in Wusiche. The rice had been transported to Shanghai by the Yoong Sing (永成) Transportation Co. who been engaged by the rice hong in Wusiche. His shop boy sold 75 of the bags to the 2nd named. The 2nd named admitted purchasing these 75 bags which are now stored in the godown at 777 Soochow Road. The 2nd named has yet paid cash for those 75 bags but the 1st named's shop has already paid the Wusiche hong for the 125 bags of rice. Both these persons deny knowing anything about any counterfeit delivery permit because they had nothing to do with bringing the rice to Shanghai.

According to Sergeant Take, the Military Police wish to have the 250 bags of rice handed over to them.

Police guards are being kept at the three places where the rice is at present stored.

I am, Sir,  
Yours Obediently,  
*T. Clark*  
D.S.I.

Copy to Japanese Affairs Branch.

Copy to Special Branch.

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Misc. No. 613/39.

Sinza

November 18th., 39.

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Illegal Functioning by Japanese.

At 5pm. on 18/11/39 the following persons came to  
Sinza Station to report on the actions of three Japanese  
and one Chinese:-

- (1) Lee Tuh Fah (李竹發), owner of the Yue Moh (五茂) Rice Hong, No. 13, Lane 344 Burkhill Road.  
(2) Tseu S Loh (蔡世祿), employee of the Yah Tsang Tuh (雅昌土) Rice Shop, No. 208 Avenue Road.

On 15/11/39 each of the above received from the  
Yoong Sing (永興公司) Transportation Company, No. 761  
Soochow Road, 125 bags of rice, the 1st informant  
having this sent from Wusieh by the Tsang Yue Tau (張裕泰)  
. Rice Hong, and the 2nd informant from Wusieh by  
the Yoong Sung (永昇) Rice Hong.

Each has documents from the Hong's in Wusieh  
asking them to accept delivery through the Transportation  
Company. They have conducted business previously with  
the above Hong's and always through the same Transportation  
Company, which is Japanese controlled and which has an  
Agency in Wusieh.

In regard to the above deliveries the two  
informants have paid the purchase price to the  
Transportation Company, \$5000.00 in each case.

They admit that the Japanese Authorities have  
placed a ban on the export of rice from Wusieh, but  
did not believe this to be important as the

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Transportation Company was Japanese controlled.

At about 3pm. on 18/11/39 three Japanese and one Chinese in civilian clothes entered the Hong of the 1st informant at No. 13, Lane 344 Burkhill Road and asked for the informant, who was absent. The accountant admitted when questioned regarding the receipt of 125 bags of rice from Wusieh and was told by the Japanese, through the Chinese as an interpreter, that the export of rice from Wusieh was forbidden and that the rice would have to be returned.

The callers then nailed up the front and rear door of an inner room used to store the rice, and took the following employees to a waiting motor car, licence number unknown:

Dau Sing Di ( 大生弟 ), aged 30, native of Pootung, accountant.

Ling Eweh Myi ( 龍威美 ), aged 21, native of Pootung, shop-assistant.

The five remaining employees were warned not to tamper with the rice and to tell their employer to be present at 9am. on 19/11/39, when the 125 bags of rice was to be removed.

The two employees were then driven off in the motor car, which is described as of a yellow colour similar to that used by Japanese Army Officials.

The 2nd informant reports that the three Japanese

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and one Chinese arrived outside his shop in the motor car at about 3-30pm. on 18/11/39.

He was asked if he had made a purchase of 125 bags of rice from Wusieh and he admitted having done so and that he had resold 77 bags of the rice to the owner of a Rice Hong at No.102, Lane 754 Tsapoo Road.

He was then told to enter the motor car, and did so, noticing the 1st informant's two employees in the vehicle.

The party then proceeded to the Hong at No.102, Lane 754 Tsapoo Road, the owner of which informed the Japanese that he had stored the rice in a Godown at No.777 Soochow Road. This owner then entered the car and accompanied the party to the godown, where the rice was inspected.

He and the 2nd informant were then released and told to be at the godown at 9am. on 19/11/39, when the rice would be removed. The 2nd informant was also told that he would have to produce the remaining 48 bags of rice.

The car then drove off in the direction of Hongkew, the 1st complainant's employees with them.

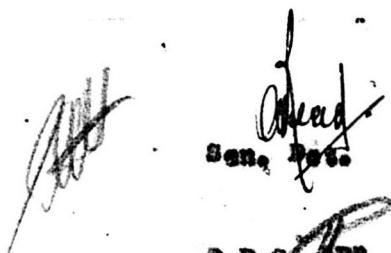
Details were given to the D.O. "B" and on his instructions guards will be placed at No.13, Lane 344 Burkill Road and at No.208 Avenue Road on 19/11/39.

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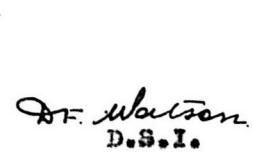
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The Inspector i/c Louza District has been informed regarding No. 777 Soochow Road and will also take the necessary precautions.

Inspector i/c has also been informed regarding No. 102, Lane 754 Tsepoo Road, West Hongkew District.

  
Sen. D.S.I.

  
D.D.O. D.S.I.

  
Mr. Watson  
D.S.I.

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7th December,

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Illegal Functioning by Japanese.

At 3.45 p.m. on the 6/12/39, Chuh Ts Loh (*朱世祿*), Broker, appeared at this station on behalf of the accountant of the Yah Tsang Tuh Rice Hong, 208 Avenue Road, and reported that at 3.30 p.m. even date, one of the same trio of Japanese (shown on diary 3) appeared at the hong in plain clothes, and desired to interview the manager, Mr. Chow Te Cheng. This individual again claimed no official status and upon being informed that Mr. Chow was absent, asked the accountant if his two Japanese companions of the previous day had appeared at the hong even date, and upon being informed in the negative, the Japanese vacated the hong and walked East along Avenue Road. After his departure, Chuh Ts Loh walked to this station to report the occurrence, although he had been informed by the undersigned when reporting the previous visit on the 5/12/39, to immediately report any further visits by telephone, to this station.

File submitted 6.12.39

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SHANGHAI  
S. I. REGISTRY  
No. S. B. D. 80399/56

Date

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6th December,

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Illegal Functioning by Japanese.

At 3.45 p.m. on the 6/12/39, Chub Ts Loh (朱德祿), Broker, appeared on behalf of the accountant of the Yah Tsang Tuh Rice Hong, 208 Avenue Road, and reported that at 3.30 p.m. even date, one of the same trio of Japanese appeared at the hong and desired to interview the manager, Mr. Chow Te Cheng. This individual again claimed no official status and upon being informed that Mr. Chow was absent, asked the accountant if his two Japanese companions of the previous day had appeared at the hong even date, and upon being informed in the negative, the Japanese vacated the hong and walked East along Avenue Road.

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Illegal Functioning by Japanese.

D.C. (S. Br.)  
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At about 4.30 p.m. on the 5/12/39, A.C. Mr. Samson, received a telephone message from Mr. T.K. Ho, Chinese Secretary to the S.M.C., informing that he had been appraised by Mr. Chow Te Tseng (周廷楨), Manager of the Yah Tsang Tuh (雅昌德) Rice Hong, 208 Avenue Road, that at 5 p.m. 4/12/39, three Japanese Gendarmes had visited the hong and desired to see Mr. Chow, and upon being informed that he was absent, stated they would return at 4 p.m. 6/12/39.

Acting upon the instructions of Mr. Samson, the undersigned and C.D.S. 205 interviewed the hong inmates, and Lieu Kweh Van (劉國萬), accountant, stated that at 5 p.m. 4/12/39, three male Japanese in civilian clothes, visited the hong and desired to interview the manager, Mr. Chow, who was then absent. They stated that they were enquiring regarding the hong's imports of rice from Wusih and that they would return at 4 p.m. 6/12/39, and they then departed on foot in an Easterly direction on Avenue Road. They gave no other particulars and did not claim to have any official status. The accountant stated that he did not report the visit to the police, preferring to first acquaint his employers of the occurrence, but as Mr. Chow failed to return home until a.m. 5/12/39, he was unable to inform him until that time.

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Sen. Det. 1/o.

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Illegal Functioning by Japanese.

On the instructions of Mr. Yerke, D.O. "B" Division, the police guard at the rice godown at No. 15, Lane 344, Burkhill Road, was withdrawn at 7 p.m. on 29/11/39.

At 8 a.m. on 30/11/39 an apprentice named Keo Kung Shing (柯公生) received a telephone message in above godown from an unknown male Chinese, telling him to instruct the manager of the godown to call at the Japanese Military Headquarters in Hongkew, failing which he would be arrested. The same person repeated this telephone message at 11-30 a.m. on 30/11/39, and again at 1 p.m. on the same date. At 1-40 p.m. on 30/11/39 the apprentice reported the incident to this station by telephone.

On the instructions of Inspector Blenkinsop, Officer 1/a, the inmates were instructed to disregard the message, and in the event of trouble being experienced to immediately inform this station by telephone and call the nearest policeman.

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Senior Detective 1/a.

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November 24, 39.

Illegal transportation of rice from Wusieh.

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D.S.I. Umemoto.

Sir,

In connection with the case of illegal transportation of rice from Wusieh, I have to report that the gendarme officer in charge of this case having returned to Wusieh, I have managed through the courtesy of the local Gendarmerie Headquarters to get into touch with him over the Military long distance telephone and learned from him that as he was not in a position to negotiate with the S.M.P. he would ask his senior officer to make an official request for the handing over of the rice in question.

N.C. (Sp.B.)  
Information

Under the circumstances, there is no way of proceeding with the case but to wait for the communications from the Gendarmerie at Wusieh.

Mr. K. Toyoda, Proprietor of the Tokwa Trading and Transportation Co., 178 Pacahan Road, came to this office and submitted a petition in Japanese, a translation of which is attached herewith.

On the afternoon of November 22, 1939, Mr. Y. Hayashi Manager of the Markham Road Office of the Nippon Tenun Kaisha (Transportation Co.), was interviewed, in the course of which he stated that on November 18, 1939, the Tokwa Trading and Transportation Co., the consignee of a cargo of rice was informed that their cargo had arrived from Wusieh. A Chinese employee of the firm named Tsai Yue Yih (蔡月益), aged 38, residing in French concession, went to the Markham Road Office with a delivery order and removed 250 bags of rice. This Chinese absconded on November 18, the date on which



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his employer was called to the Japanese Military Police Headquarters having been accused of illegal transportation of rice. The delivery order, bearing the seal of the Yung Shing and Co., 761 South Szechow Road, was obtained on loan from Mr. Hayashi and is attached herewith.

In reply to a question why the delivery was made to the Yung Shing and Co., which is a Chinese concern, despite the fact that the name of the consignee was clearly stated in the delivery order as K. Toyoda, Mr. Hayashi stated that he had not suspected anything wrong being done for the man who had produced the document was quite acquainted with him and an employee of Mr. K. Toyoda.

Mr. Toyoda expressed his regret that the Transportation Co., had delivered the cargo against the delivery order which had not been duly signed by him. This was refuted by Mr. Hayashi on the ground that the use of any particular seal or signature was <sup>not</sup> previously reported by Mr. Toyoda.

It is learned that the Military Authorities will not take any action against K. Toyoda as it was ascertained from their enquiries that he was not concerned in the case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



D. S. I.

D. C. (J.A.B.).

November 20, 1939.

Mr. Uyehara,  
Deputy Commissioner,  
S. M. P.

Sir,

Petition for illegal transportation of rice stock  
within the control system enforced by the Japanese  
Japanese Army, by falsely representing the petitioner.

Name: Kyuma Toyota, age 42.

Permanent Domicile: No. 30, Kenya-cho, Kanda-Ku, Tokyo.

Present Address: No. 51 Tung Chao Lee, Scott Road, Shanghai.

By falsely representing the petitioner as the consignee, 600 bags of rice were transported from Wusich (吳市) to Shanghai, and 250 bags out of this number were received by the "Yung Shing" and Company (永興公司) through the business office of the Nippon Tsuun Akaishi by means of a falsified receipt. The "Yung Shing" and Company transported the cargo into the International Settlement.

Accordingly, the petitioner, as the consignee named in the receipt, has been interrogated by the Japanese Gendarmerie in Wusich ( ) on a charge of illegal transportation of rice by means of a false "Transportation Certificate".

The petitioner wishes to emphasize that he is not at all implicated in this affair. He is well aware that at present he can not buy rice in the districts under the control of the Japanese Army without first obtaining a valid "Purchasing Certificate" issued by the Japanese Military Special Service Mission as well as one issued by the Asia Development Board.

On the early morning of November 14, the petitioner started for Wuhu (蕪湖) by an express train and on the following day proceeded to the Wuhu sub-office of the Japanese Consulate-General, with a view to applying for a trading permit for my branch shop in that city.

Two days hence, i.e. on November 16, the petitioner proceeded to the wharf sub-office of the Japanese Gendarmerie in Wuhu and made the report to the effect that he had already applied to the Consular Authorities for permission to open a branch office in Wuhu.

On the morning of November 17, the petitioner left the town by train, returning home at about 8.50 p.m. the same day. Upon arrival here he was told that a member of the Settlement Detachment of the Japanese Gendarmerie had called both at his house and also his shop in Paoshan Road (寶善街), Chapei, and ordered his immediate attendance at the Gendarmerie Headquarters as soon as he returns home.

At 8.30 a.m. on November 18, just as he had telephoned to the Settlement Detachment of the Japanese Gendarmerie, a telephone call was received from the business office of the Nippon Tsun Kaisha located at the Markham Road Railway Yard requesting him to go to the office, as gendarmes were waiting for his presence there in connection with a case ~~now~~ involving transportation of rice.

Being ignorant of what had happened during his absence from this city, the petitioner hurried to the office only to be told that the Gendarmerie Authorities were now making arrangements to interrogate him.

Searching enquiries instituted by the authorities elicited the fact that the petitioner had been accused as the consignee responsible for the illegal transportation of a cargo of rice.

It was a great shock to the petitioner and being highly incensed over this false accusation, he made every possible endeavour to defend his case. The fact remains, however, that the rice in question had already been carelessly given out to an unauthorized consignee by the Nippon Tsun Kaisha.

There, in order to establish his innocence, the petitioner resolved to ascertain the whereabouts of the cargo of rice so that the 250 bags reported as having ~~of~~ been misappropriated

may be recovered and returned to the Gendarmerie Authorities.

Realizing the possibility of dangers and other complications in the Settlement, the petitioner accompanied a gendarme from Wusieh and proceeded to make enquiries at the "Yung Shing" and Company, the alleged consignee, where we were told that the said company meanwhile had removed to the Hsing Hwa Hotel (新華旅館). The hotel was next visited and observations were maintained in order to locate the whereabouts of Soong Ching Yang (宋錦揚).

We were informed that the Chinese had already left the hotel. As the petitioner emerged from the hotel and walked into the street, by chance he ran into a man who had been formerly employed by the "Yung Shing" and Company. He was asked whether he could throw any light as to the present whereabouts of Soong Ching Yang in question and gave the information that the party had left for Wusieh on November 16.

By interrogating this man who had taken part in the transportation of rice, we became aware of the fact that one Neu Ping Kee (余炳記), who is in transportation business and residing at House No. A 6, Lane No. 126, Szechuan Road, was responsible for the removal of the cargo in question.

The petitioner then went back immediately to the Markham Road Railway Yard and succeeded in locating a Chinese named Woo (吳) a go-between in this illegal transaction. This man subsequently led the petitioner to various places where the rice had been taken and all the bags were eventually located and identified.

The first address visited was "Ke Yuen Mow Hong" (元發號) Burkhill Road, where 125 bags of Wusieh rice were found. However, the employees of the hong at first closed the five front door in spite of the petitioner's request to be admitted to the premises, so the petitioner and his companion went round to the back door of the hong and quietly asked for an interview with the master on the pretent that he was a forwarding agent, introducing a rice merchant for a benafide business transa-

ction. The idea was to ascertain the quantity of rice in stock there and also its origin.

The reply was very vague and extremely evasive. They told us the master of the Hong was away making purchases elsewhere.

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As no definite answer was from the shop-assistants, the petitioner indicated to them his intention of demanding the handing over of the cargo of rice on the grounds that it had been removed without authority. However, on the plea of the shopkeeper's absence, the assistants refused to comply with this demand.

In consequence thereof, the petitioner was obliged to nail down the room where the rice had been stored and to take charge of the key for the front door pending the settlement of the matter for it was his idea to exonerate himself from this infamous charge levelled against him. The petitioner warned the men that no one will be allowed to remove the cargo.

As the petitioner became aware of the proprietor's hasty flight, at about 5.30 p.m. the same day, he accompanied two of the employees to the Japanese Gendarmerie, with a view to proving his innocence in the case. He resorted to this step realising that it would be best for the Gendarmerie Authorities to enquire for themselves.

Here the assistants were warned by the petitioner who advised them to speak the truth, for they would then be released as soon as the case is cleared up.

Although the petitioner felt very sorry for the two Chinese, yet he was obliged to take the steps as outlined above in order to exonerate himself from the blame.

The management of the Yah Cheong Tuh Rice Shop (怡恩德米店), the next receiver of the illegally obtained rice, where 125 bags of the rice were reportedly transported from the Yung Shing and Company, asserted that no rice was left in stock and that 50 bags of rice have already been disposed of in retail

business.

The petitioner explained to the men in the rice shop regarding the particulars of the illegally acquired rice and demanded an explanation and asked them to produce evidence as to how the cargo came to be in their possession and how it was disposed of.

Eventually, it was disclosed by the inmates that the rest of the stock numbering 75 bags, had been sold to the Chung Yeoeng Yung Hong (正永永德), No. 102, Tsepoo Road.

Thereupon, taking with him a representative of the Yeh Sheng Fah Rice Shop, the petitioner went to the Chung Yeoeng Yung Hong, where he was informed that the cargo in question was placed in storage at the No. 2 Godown of the Bank of Shanghai, No. 777, Soochow Road. The godown was next visited and the information verified.

Having succeeded in locating the entire cargo of the illegally transported bags of rice, the petitioner immediately got in touch with the Tsuun Kaisha over the telephone requesting them to send a motor truck, but owing to the interruption of telephone service, this was unsuccessful.

The Chung Yeoeng Yung Hong management were warned regarding purchasing of illegally acquired rice with the full knowledge of the circumstances of the theft and persuaded to hand over the cargo to the petitioner the following morning as the circumstances would be against them should they refuse to comply with this request.

#### Hitch in Recovery of Cargo.

At 9 a.m. on November 19, the petitioner in company with gendarmes despatched from the Japanese Gendarmerie Detachment in Wusich, went to the No. 2 Godown of the Bank of Shanghai, taking with him 20 coolies in five motor trucks owned by the Nippon Tsuun Kaisha and proceeded to make arrangements for the taking over of the cargo in question. Presently, Mr. H. Robertson, D.O. "A" and several other officers of the S.M.P.

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arrived at the scene.

Addressing the officer with due respect, the petitioner acquainted Mr. H. Robertson with the particulars of the case and the officer declared that he could not allow any one, no matter what his nationality might be, to remove the rice in question.

On the guarantee that the cargo would be left intact, <sup>pending enquiries</sup> the party left the godown.

In view of the foregoing, the steps taken by the petitioner might be subject to criticism, but he is convinced that under the circumstances he had no alternative but to have recourse to such a measure in order to establish his innocence.

It is true that the petitioner might as well have approached the Japanese Branch of the S.M.P. for assistance in the first place, but he was obliged to omit this procedure.

The petitioner, should, therefore, be much obliged if you would kindly appreciate the steps taken by him, for whatever he did, he meant to be well and it was far from his intention to offend any one.

Yours faithfully,

Sealed: K. Toyota.

Translation

Receipt of Cargo

No. 45.

To Jih Shing Co.

Address: Wusieh.

Date: 13/11/39.

Name and address of receiver of cargo: Kuma Toyoda.

Article: Rice.

Weight: 30 Tons.

Shop delivered to: Markham Road.

How to transport: Vehicle.

How to pay in transportation fee: Chinese currency.

Other expenses: Yen 87.10.

Total paid: Yen 87.10.

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Received by: (Sealed) Yung Shing and Co.,  
No. 761 South Soochow Road,  
Shanghai.

D.C. Officer French

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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REGISTRY

No. 1 Teuza Station A/510

FURTHER REPORT

Date 24-11-39 25/11/39

Subject Japanese Military Police and Japanese Civilian Attempt to Seize

Rice from Godown at 777 Soochow Road.

Made by D.C.O. Elders. Forwarded by P.I. Lu Chen to I.C.

Sir,

Acting on the instructions of the Officer i/c of Teuza Station, on the morning of the 24-11-39 D.C.O. Elders and C.D.S.336 proceeded to the godown at 777 Soochow Road to make a check of the stocks of rice etc., stored in the godown.

A large number of sacks of various kinds of grain were found to be stored in the godown, some of which is owned by the Yah Tsang Tuh (楊昌德) Rice Shop 208 Avenue Road, who rent the godown and some by various other dealers.

The 75 bags of rice which are in dispute were counted and placed in such a position in the godown so that they are separate and can be counted when necessary. The following is a list of the stocks contained in the godown as taken from the godown books:-

- (1) 75 bags of rice owned by the Zung Hong Yung (中興) Rice Hong Lane 7-4/102 Tiendong Road taken to godown on 15-11-39.
- (2) 110 bags of rice owned by one Ting Zung Wo (丁仲華). Taken to godown on 17-11-39.
- (3) 125 bags of rice owned by one Tuh Yuen Yeong (德原永). Taken to godown on 17-11-39.
- (4) 250 bags of rice owned by Tuh Yuen Yeong (德原永). Taken to godown on 18-11-39.
- (5) 108 bags of rice owned by Zion Tsang Mou (錢志茂). Taken to godown on 18-11-39.
- (6) 135 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh (昌德). Taken to godown on 16-10-39.
- (7) 120 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh (昌德). Taken to godown on 17-10-39.
- (8) 137 bags of peas owned by Sui Ho (李翠和).

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Taken to godown on 17-11-39.

(9) 25 bags of peas owned by Tsang Cho(張記).  
Taken to godown on the 19-10-39.

(10) 190 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 26-10-39.

(11) 50 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 27-10-39.

(12) 20 bags of peas owned by Zung Tuh(潤德).  
Taken to godown on 31-10-39.

(13) 187 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 2-11-39.

(14) 150 bags of peas owned by Yuen Che(袁記).  
Taken to godown on 2-11-39.

(15) 405 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 3-11-39.

(16) 10 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 5-11-39.

(17) 30 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 6-11-39.

(18) 103 bags of peas owned by Zung Tuh(潤德).  
Taken to godown on 14-10-39.

(19) 10 bags of sesame seeds owned by Kung Zung Tsang(康忠昌). Taken to godown on 10-11-39.

(20) 65 bags of green peas and 55 bags of  
sesame seeds owned by Tsang Tsoh Foo (張寶友). Taken to godown on 13-11-39.

(21) 600 bags of sesame seeds owned by Zung Tuh(潤德). Taken to godown on 17-11-39.

(22) 100 bags of flour owned by Yeh Tsang Tuh (楊昌德). Taken to godown on 4-10-39.

(23) 140 bags of flour owned by Yeh Tsang Tuh (楊昌德). Taken to godown on 14-10-39.

(24) 14 pails of oil owned by Yeh Tsang Tuh (楊昌德). Taken to godown on 16-9-39.

A Police guard is being kept at the godown to  
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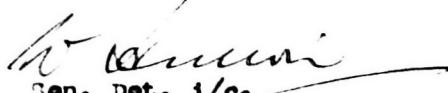
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police officer in charge of the guard was instructed to check the 75 bags of rice which are in dispute with the officer who relieves him.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

  
D. S. I.  
Sen. Det. 1/c.

D. S. I. "A" Div.

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FURTHER REPORT

File No. 515739  
S. S. REGISTRY  
No. 5 Louza District  
Date 28-11-39, 24/11/39

Subject... Japanese Military Police and Japanese Civilian attempt to seize rice from Godown at 777 Soochow Road.

Made by... D.S.I. Elders. Forwarded by... P. G. Buckley Esq. 1/6.

Sir,

Acting on the instruction of the D.C. "A" Division, D.S.I. Elders and C.D.S.336 have made further enquiries regarding the Chinese side of this case in so far as it affects Louza District. The result of these enquiries is as follows:-

The godown located at 777 Soochow Road is owned by the Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank Ltd. The 'Yah Tsang Tuh' (德源) Rice Shop at 208 Avenue Road rent space in this godown for storing rice. They have done this for over a year.

An employee of the shop named 'Tsang Sing Zai' (張生才) is kept on duty at the godown to take care of the rice and keep a check on rice going out and coming in. Rice going in and coming out is not checked by the godown proprietor but only by the aforementioned shop employee.

A statement has been obtained from this man (copy attached) from which it will be seen that 125 bags of rice were brought to the godown at about 3 p.m. on the 15-11-39. They were sent by the 'Yoong Sung' (永興) Transportation Co., Wusich. The persons who brought the rice to the godown had a delivery slip from which the man Tsang Sing Zai, in charge of the godown, learnt that the 125 bags of rice had come from the 'Yoong Sung' (永興) Rice Hong in Wusich. He signed this delivery slip and it was taken away by the persons who brought the rice. He then made an entry in his book showing that the 125 bags of rice

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had been received.

At about 10 a.m. on the 17-11-39 his employer, the Yah Tsang Tuh Rice Shop, 208 Avenue Road, removed 50 bags from the godown. He made an entry in his book regarding the removal of these bags.

A statement (copy attached) has also been obtained from Wong Hwai Zung (王懷成), proprietor of the Zung Foding Yoong (成芳記) Rice Shop at Lane 754/102 Tiendong Road (not Tespoo Road as stated in the original report).

From this statement it will be seen that this man purchased 75 bags of rice from a broker of the Yah Tsang Tuh Rice Shop, 208 Avenue Road in the Ching Liu Koh (清道閣) Teashop, 515 Foochow Road on the 16-11-39. He knew that he was purchasing this rice from the said rice shop through the broker but he does not know where the rice shop obtained the rice. He received a chit from the broker which would permit him to remove the rice from where it was stored in the godown at 777 Foochow Road. The price of the rice was to be \$3,346.16 but he has not yet paid for it and has not received the rice.

The reason he went to the godown on the 19-11-39 was because two Japanese with an employee of the Avenue Road Rice shop had visited his shop on the 18-11-39 and questioned him about the 75 bags of rice and they had stated they were going to the godown at 9 a.m. on the 19-11-39.

The godown book and aforementioned chit have been seen by D.S.I. Elders and C.D.S. 336 and can be produced

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I am, Sir.

Yours obediently,

*W. G. S.*  
D. S. I.

*W. G. S.*  
Sen. Det. 1cc.

D.D.C. "A" Div.

## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

## REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Tsang Sing Zai (He Seng Tze), age 45, native of Shanghai, taken by me self, translated and interpreted by Clerk Sih Yun Pai at Louza Station on the 21-11-39.

I am employed as a godown keeper, residing at the Yah Tsong Teh Rice Shop, 208 Avenue Road.

On January 1, 1939, through the introduction of my friend Loh Ching Yung, I obtained employment at the Yah Tsong Teh Rice shop, 208 Avenue Road. Later I was appointed by the shop manager Zung Vee Yoong as a godown keeper to a store room located on the 1st floor of Godown No.2 of the Shanghai Commercial Bank, 777 Soochow Road. My duty is to make entries in an account book regarding the rice coming out and going into the godown.

At about 3 p.m. on the 15-11-39 inst. 125 bags of rice were taken to the godown by the Young Sing Transportation Company, Wusich. I telephoned to the accountant Sih-Ping Ziang of the Yah Tsong Teh Rice Shop, asking whether these bags of rice were to be stored in the godown. In reply he stated that they were to be stored in the godown.

At about 9 a.m. on the 17th. 50 bags of rice were taken away by the Yah Tsong Teh Shop on 5 wheelbarrows and hand-trolleys, a balance of 75 bags being still stored in the godown.

At about 10 a.m. on the 18th. a telephone message was received from Tsoh S. Loh, an assistant of the Yah Tsong Teh Rice Shop, informing me of the sale of the 75 bags of rice to the Zung Foong Yoong Rice Shop, Tiendong Road, and asked me to enter this in the book after weighing.

At 3 p.m. on the 18th. Tsoh S. Loh accompanied Wong Hwei Zung, the proprietor of the Zung Foong Yoong Rice Shop, and

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the 75 bags of rice, they departed 15 minutes later.

At 9 a.m. on the 19th. Isch S Loh accompanied by  
Japanese again came to the godown when the Police arrived.

True statement.

Signed. Tsang Sing Zai.

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The following is the statement of Wong Hwai Zung (王懷珠) age 29, Married.  
native of Chekiang. taken by me self. ....  
at Louza Station on the 21-11-39. translated and interpreted by Clerk Koo Ting I.

I am the owner of the Zung Fong Yipng (成丰永) Rice Shop located at Lane 754/102 Tiendong Road. I daily visit the rice market at the Ching Liu Koh (青蓮閣) Teashop 515 Fochow Road, in order to make transactions.

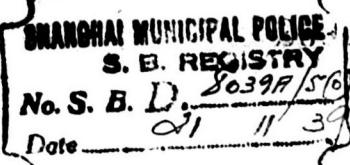
At 10 a.m. 16-11-39 I visited the market as usual when one named Tsang Ts Ngi (張子宜) broker of the Yan Tsong Tuh (協昌德) Rice Shop, 208 Avenue Road, approached, stating that he had 75 sacks of rice for sale, each weighing 160 catties, total value \$3,346.15, at the same time he showed me the sample of rice. I agreed to purchase these but I have not yet paid the money. He then issued a receipt and handed it over to me, it was a receipt by which the goods could be obtained.

At 10 a.m. 18-11-39 one named Tsoh S Loh (祝世祿) employee of the Yan Tsong Tuh Rice Shop, informed me by telephone to the effect that the above mentioned 75 sacks of rice had been deposited in an upstairs room at Shanghai Godown No.2 located at 777 Soochow Road and I was allowed to take away the goods at any time.

At 3.30 p.m. 18-11-39 Tsoh S Loh (祝世祿), accompanied by two Japanese came to my shop and asked me whether I had taken away the above mentioned 75 sacks of rice from the said Godown. To this I made a negative reply. The two Japanese then told me they intended to go to the said Godown at 9 a.m. the following day (19-11-39).

Later I was brought to station for questioning.  
True statement.

Signed: Wong Hwai Zung.



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## U. S. Marines Guard Rice Hongs Visited By Japanese

Guards of the Fourth U.S. Marines yesterday reinforced members of the Shanghai Municipal Police patrolling outside two rice hongs in the Sinza district which last Saturday were visited by Japanese, allegedly in search of smuggled rice.

Altogether three rice hongs were visited Saturday by three Japanese, the third being located in the Louza district. In all cases the Japanese, said to consist of a gendarme from Wushu and two Japanese employees of a transportation firm, nailed up the back doors and locked the main entrances of the hongs.

The hongs in question are situated at 13, Lane 344 Burkitt Road, 208 Avenue Road and 377 West Soochow Road. The latter hong was again visited by the Japanese Sunday morning, when an S.M.P. Chinese constable, who questioned the trio, was on guard.

Informed of the visits, the S.M.P. posted guards, while Marines sent

out light detachments to reinforce the S.M.P. constables at the entrances of the two hongs within their defense sector.

It was believed yesterday that the Japanese were attempting to track down rice which had been brought to Shanghai on forged passes. Further reports stated that Japanese authorities are attempting to monopolize rice from the lower Yangtze Basin for transportation to Japan and Korea in view of the shortage there.

Meanwhile, it was revealed by an S.M.C. official yesterday that the present stock of rice in Shanghai was estimated at approximately 224,000 piculs, a total considerably higher than the 50,000 piculs here first September, when prices rose to more than \$50 per picul.

Because of the recent improvement in the exchange, it was stated, a number of orders have been placed with Indo-China. One firm is said to have ordered 500 tons of Saigon rice.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
S. E. REGISTRY  
No. S. E. D. 80318/570  
Date 9/11/39

Hwa Pao, Ta Mei Pao, Sin Wan Pao, Shun Pao, and Ta Mei Wan Pao :-

21.11.39 (AM) JAPANESE ENDEAVOUR TO PREVENT SETTLEMENT RICE SHOPS FROM OPERATING

Recently a consignment of 125 bags of rice was secured by the Ya Chong Tuh Rice Shop (雅興德米舖) at No. 206 Avenue Road from merchants in Wuish. It was transported here by the Yung Shing Transportation Company (永興轉運公司). Unexpectedly on the day following the arrival of this consignment, three officials of the Japanese authorities called at the shop and demanded an inspection of the transportation permit for this consignment.

Alleging that the permit was a counterfeit, the officials declared that the shop was not allowed to sell the rice and attempted to remove the whole consignment.

On the ground that the question of transportation permit is one that concerns the transportation company but has nothing to do with the shop responsible for the disposal of the rice, the shop assistants refused to comply with the demand of the Japanese. Subsequently, the Police were notified whereupon three Chinese constables were detailed to the shop for purposes of protection. As the shop is situated in the American Defence Sector, American marines were likewise despatched to the place for protection purposes in co-operation with the Police.

The shop has also 75 bags of rice stored in the godown of the Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank. The shop has been notified by the Police not to withdraw this stock prior to the solution of the trouble and has been told to ring up the Police any time when disputes take place over this matter.

A similar incident recently took place at the Yuan Mou Rice Shop (元茂米舖), No. 13, Lane 344, Burkhill Road, and protection has therefore likewise been given to it by the American marines and the Police.

# **SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

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**SUBJECT:**

## Boarding up Speculation in rice.

# **SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

## **CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP**

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FILE NO. D 8039A/5(0)-8

**SUBJECT:**

# Price Control Committee Findings on Rice.

Translation of letter to the Council  
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Dated 5th November, 1929.

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Tow returns enclosed.

REFERRED TO

POLICE FORCE

(Signed & Chopped)

Chia Ko Teng Rice Guild.

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Summary of Rico Hongs and Rico Shops on June 30, 1921.

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<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Rico Hongs</u>	<u>No. of Rico Shops</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Central		4	
Louza		38	
Hongkew		58	includes one Japanese shop
Sinza	1	45	
Bubbling Well		17	
Gordon Road		26	
West Hongkew	1	40	
Wayside		37	
Yangtszepoo		34	
Harbin Road		22	
N. Szechuen Road		9	
Total	2	330	

Summary of rice in rice shops and rice  
hongs in the Settlement on July 1, 1931.

District	Total number of rice shops	Number of shops with no stocks	Number of shops with stocks	Total quantity of rice in ricehongs shops	Total number of rice in hong	Rice in hong	Total quantity of rice in districts
Central							
Louza							
Hongkow							
Sinza							
Bubbling Well							
Gordon Road							
West Hongkow							
Wayside							
Yangtszepoo							
Harbin Road							
North Sze-chuan Road							

Summary of Rice Hongs and Rice Shops on June 30, 1923

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Station.

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## REPORT ON Stocks of rice in rice shops in Shanghai

Made by

D. S. I. Kay

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Sir,

In the Central district there are four rice shops. Three of these have no stock in hand whilst the other shop has six hundred piculs, three hundred of which are in a godown at 529 Tiendong Road.

In the Louza district there are 38 rice shops, none of which have any rice in stock.

There are fifty eight rice shops in the Hongkow district. Fifty five of these have no rice at all in stock. Three have thirty three and a half piculs in all, distributed in quantities of three and a half to twenty piculs.

Sinza district contains forty five rice shops and one rice hong, all of which are without stocks.

There are 17 rice shops in the Bubbling Well district. Five of these have no rice at all in stock. The others have forty nine and a half piculs in quantities of one to ten piculs.

In the Gordon Road district there is a total quantity of sixty eight piculs distributed over seventeen rice shops, in quantities ranging from one to fourteen piculs. Nine shops in this district have no rice in stock.

There are forty rice shops and one rice hong in the West Hongkow district. Thirteen of the former have no stock in hand, whilst the others have quantities ranging from one to thirty four piculs, amounting in the aggregate to two hundred and forty one piculs. The one rice hong contains fifty piculs.

# Shanghai Municipal Police.

Station.

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## REPORT ON

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In the Wayside district there are thirty seven rice shops. None of those have any stocks.

There are thirty four rice shops in the Yangtazopoo district containing a total quantity of thirty piculs distributed over four rice shops in quantities ranging from five to ten piculs. Thirty shops in this district have no stocks.

In the Harbin Road district there are twenty two shops, none of which have any rice in stock.

There are nine rice shops in the North Czechow Road district, but they are not under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council. There are no stocks in any of these shops.

In addition to the above there are 7,550 bags of rice each bag containing about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  piculs stored in the Shanghai-Nanking Railway godown at Harbin Road.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W.W.Kay*  
D. S. I.

D. S. I.

Summary of rice in rice shops and rice  
hongs in the Settlement on July 1, 1921.

District	Total number of rice shops	Number of shops with no stocks	Number of shops with stocks	Total quantity of rice in rice shops (Pounds)	Total number of rice hongs	Rice in hong	Total quantity of rice in district
Central	4	3	1	600	-	-	600
Louza	38	38	-	Nil	-	-	Nil
Hongkew	58	55	3	33½	-	-	33½
Sinza	45	45	-	Nil	1	-	Nil
Bubbling Well	14	5	12	49½	-	-	49½
Gordon Road	26	9	14	68	-	-	68
West Hongkew	40	13	27	241	1	50	291
Wayside	34	34	-	Nil	-	-	Nil
Yangtszepoo	34	30	4	30	-	-	30
Harbin Road	22	22	-	Nil	-	-	Nil
North Sze-chuen Road	9	9	-	Nil	-	-	Nil
Totals	330	266	64	1022	2	50	1042

AMOUNT OF RICE IN CENTRAL DISTRICT. 1/7/31.

Woo Zung 561/2, Honan Road.

Amount in Stock.	Amount sold yesterday.	Remarks
Nil.	100 piculs approx.	
Sing Tai Rice Co. 425, Ningpo Road.		
Nil.	90 piculs approx.	
Zung Tah. 88/89, Szechuan Road.		
300 piculs approx.	100 piculs approx.	Have further 300 piculs in godown at 529, Tiendong Rd. Unwilling to sell from either place.

Van Sung. 146, Peking Road.

Nil. 100 piculs approx.

4 shops only in district.

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List of Rice Shops in Louza District.

Road	Number	Name of shops	Remark
Chili Road	9/10	Ong Zung 洪盛	Nil
Fokien Rd	5/8	Yu Shun 玉順	
	314/5	Foh Zung 褒盛	
	330/1	Chong Tai 昌泰	
	381/2	Dun Zung Tai 鄧仁泰	
Pakhoi Rd	54	Heng Wo 恒和	
	314/5	Foh Hsing 復興	
	331/2	Zung Nyoen 慎源	
Chekiang Rd	415a	Wong Foh Kyi 王福記	
	420/1a	Oong Shing 鴻順	
	528/9	Zang Wo 長和	
Hiang Fun Loong	83	Yung Sung 永升	
Ave Edward VII	488	I Shing 怡盛	
	652/4	Yu Loong 玉隆	
	910/2	Tseu Zung Hsing 周順興	
Wuhu Road	6	Teh Zung Nyoen 德順源	
Canton Rd	348	Ting Fong 鼎豐	
	358	Koong Dah Chong 公大昌	
	436	Tsun Foong 正豐	
Foochow Rd	310	Heng Sun Ziang 恒昇祥	
Kiukiang Rd	220a	Lu Heng Wo 鹿恒和	
Yunnan Road	80	Tsing Foong 普豐	
	111	Koong Yu 公餘	
	133	Zang Nyi Koong 長義公	
Peking Road	345/6	Yung Zung 永盛	
	360/1	Yu Dah 玉大	
	901/2	Heng Yu 恒餘	
	989/90	Dong Shun 同順	
Chefoo Road	146/7	Dah Doong 大同	
Lloyd Road	8/9	Yau Loong Zung 姚隆盛	
	40	Tsun Dah 振大	
	361/2	Nyoen Zung 懈源	

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List of Rice Shop in Louza District.

Road	Number	Name of shops	Remarks
Kwangse Rd	298/300	Yung Sung 永升	Nil
	430	Koong Zung 公盛	
	497	Nyoen Zung 元盛	
Taku Road	13	Heng Kong 恒康	
	42	Ziang Hsing 祥興	
Woo Foo Loong	61/4	Foong Zung 豐盛	



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List of Rice Shops in Hongkew District.

泰興  
生泰  
大豐  
信義  
宏源  
裕盛  
義昌  
同德  
萬豐  
北大豐  
萬長  
恒和康

慎大  
祥盛  
莊鼎興

恒泰  
恒義  
祥康

宏成  
同順  
乾豐

隆盛  
益大  
大盛

廣泰  
何兆豐  
長裕

吳淞路 X 上 1 号	Tai Sing	46/7 Woosung Road	Nil.
吳淞路 10 三 从 号	Sung Tai	103/4	" " "
吳淞路 11 二 从 号	Dah Foong	121/2	" " "
吳淞路 E 0 一 从 号	Sing Nyi	130/1	" " "
吳淞路 A 10 二 从 号	Hung Yuen	170a	" " 10 Piculs.
吳淞路 11 一 从 号	Yu Zung	321	" " Nil.
吳淞路 X 11 从 号	Nyi Tsang	473/4	" " "
吳淞路 11 三 从 号	Doong Tuh	785/6	" " "
吳淞路 11 二 从 号	Van Zang Pok	945/6	" " "
吳淞路 11 一 从 号	Pok Dah Foong	1235/6	" " "
吳淞路 11 一 从 号	Van Zang	1314/5/6	" " "
吳淞路 11 二 从 号	Yee Woo Kong	1459	" " "

海甯路 11 二 从 号	Tsung Dah	275/8 Haining Road	"
海甯路 11 三 从 号	Ziang Zung	978/9	" " "
海甯路 10 二 从 号	Jang Ding Sing	1108/9	" " "

武昌路 8 二 号	Heng Tai	56 Woochang Road	"
武昌路 8 三 从 号	Heng Nyi	282/3	" " "
武昌路 8 二 从 号	Ziang Kong	847	" " "

達路 8 二 从 号	Pao Zung	902/3 Boone Road	"
達路 8 三 从 号	Doong Zung	913/4	" " "
達路 8 二 从 号	Jien Foong	2167	" " "

天潼路 11 二 从 号	Loong Sung	a large quantity of rice was reported to be stored at 134/5/6 Tiendong Road	Nil.
天潼路 8 二 从 号	Yih Tai	Tiendong Rd	507/8/9
天潼路 8 二 从 号	Dah Zung		594/5

崇明路 6 二 从 号	Kwang Tai	6/7 Tsungming Road	"
崇明路 4 二 从 号	Woo Zao Foong	40	" " "
崇明路 5 二 从 号	Zang Yu	51	" " "

德豐	崇明路文/1号	Tuh Foong	90/1 Tsungming Road	Nil.
廣隆	崇明路文/8号	Kwang Loong	74/5	" " "
隆盛	乍浦路段号	Loong Zung	199 Chapoo Road	"
廣豐	北江西路段1号	Kwang Foong	196 N. Kiangse Road	"
乾元	靶子路X8±1/3号	Jien Yuen	457/8 Range Road	"
萬美	北河南路14号	Van Nyi	172 N. Honan Road	"
協豐仁	北河南路X8文/10号	Ya Foong Zung	409/10	" "
太盛	北河南路X-X/8号	Tai Zung	414/5	" "
莊和興	伯頓路11/1号	Jang Woo Sing	56/7 Purdon Road	"
莊和興	伯頓路12/1号	Jang Woo Sing	126/7	" "
萬盛	北四川路11/3/X号	Van Zung	312/3/4 N. Szechuan Road	
新順泰	北四川路11/1号	Sing Zung Tai	1825/6	" " "
兆豐	汗壁札路31/1号	Zao Foong	31/2 Hanbury Road	"
萬瑞	汗壁札路10±1/文号	Van Zien	1108/9	" "
大隆	汗壁札路12文/50号	Dah Loong	1249/50	" "
山口商公	汗壁札路12文/0号	San Ko Zong Wei	1290	" " 20 Piculs. Japanese.
麗成記	汗壁札路12±1/1号	Jiu Zung Kyi	215/6	" " Nil.
黃瑞泰	汗壁札路11±1/8号	Wong Zien Tai	384/5	" " "
恒大	汗壁札路12±1/0号	Heng Dah	460	" " "
怡大	西華德路11文/0号	Yee Dah	219/20 Seward Road	"
和興	西華德路11±1/8号	Woo Sing	2724/5	" " "
萬通	西華德路11±1/1号	Van Tung	3052	" " "
麗陞記	西華德路11±1/1号	Chu Sung Kyi <del>Wooxiat</del>	2782/3 2915/6	" " "
和泰	西華德路10±1/0号	Woo Tai	3015/6	" " "

鼎盛	百老匯路1116號	Ding Zung	1116 Broadway	Nil.
德大祥	加士打路1117號	Tuh Dah Ziang	1116/7 W. Kassing Road	"
永興	文芳路850號	Yoong Sing	580 Yuenfong Road	"
申裕	源昌路76號	Zung Yu	76 Yuenchang Road	"
德泰	板橋弄22/1號	Tuh Tai	76/7 Peng Jiu Loong	"
戴盛昌 甘洪昇	美市街152/3號 美市街152/5號	Dai Zung Tsang Kang Hung Zung	152/3 Market Street 384/5 "	3 1/2 Piculs " " Nil. "

Consealed to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1921.  
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(58) 3 1/2 piculs in 3 shops  
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List of RICE SHOPS in Sinza District. (29/6/21).

Signboard Name.		Owners name.		Address.
Mung Kyi	明記	Tsu Pan Kyi	朱寶記	1999 Sinza Road. Nil.
Hung Zung	恒盛	Tsu Siau Tshun	朱小春	2160 " " "
Tsung Loong	正隆	Jeu Tsun Chan	仇正昌	1818 " " "
Soong Zung	松盛	Yao Miao Tshun	姚妙春	1645 " " "
Van Loong	萬隆	Tse Hai San	朱海山	1625 " " "
Soong Zung	松盛	Tin Sau Wei	丁少威	474 " " "
Ching Chang	金昌	Mo Tiau Foh	馬才福	1314 " " "
See Zung	西盛	Moo Foh Sung	何福生	522 " " "
Zung Foong	同丰	Zien Sih Zee	徐錫泉	497 " " "
Dong Shien	同興	Tseu Sze Hung	周賜恒	1809 Avenue Road.
Sung Tien Hsing	沈天興	Sung Lih Sung	沈立生	1791 " " "
Kong Zung	公盛	Koo Sung Lai	顧舜來	78 " " "
Yuen Hsing	原興	Tsa Nee Tsang	蔡紀彰	67 " " "
Chang Zung	昌盛	Koo Sung Lai	顧舜來	1588 " " "
Van Koong	萬康	Kwei Ching Loong	桂慶隆	261 " " "
Foh Zung	福順	Yu Zien Sung	俞銀生	431 " " "
Yuen Zung	原盛	Kiang Tse	江芝	457 Burkhill Road."
Soong Tai	松泰	Sung Tshun Ding	孫春庭	820 " " "
Ziang Tai	祥泰	Tseu Hsing Zung	周興成	861 " " "
Woo Zung	和盛	Sung Tao Jeu	孫作權	916 " " "
Dong Chang Tuh	同昌德	Tseu Sze Hung	周賜恒	80 Park Road.
Hung Cheu	恒久	Tse Ping	朱秉	110 " " "
Tshung Zung	春盛	Tsang Long San	張郎生	153 Myburgh Road.
Hung Tai	恒泰	Loo Bai	盧白	334 " " "
Rice Hong Hah Kyi	合記	Zien Tsan Sung	錢占生	393 " " "
Dong Tuh	同德	Tse Chin Zieng	朱慶祥	332 N.Chengtu Rd."
Yung Fah	永發	Yao Chin Ziang	姚金祥	336 " " "
Hoo Zung Yung	和盛永	Tse Man Cheu	朱夢九	579 " " "
Hung Sung	恒生	Chao Chin Pah	邵金伯	572 " " "
Tsoon Zung	昌盛	Koo Sung Lai	顧舜來	358 " " "
Ziang Zung	祥盛	Tse Ziang Fah	朱祥福	239 Tatung Road."

List of RICE Shops in Sinza District (contd.).

Signboard name.	Owners name.	Address.
Nyi Foong	Dzung Pao Ding	75 Tatung Read. Nil.
Myoh Chang	Zau Fah Zung	1 & 2 Mohawk Road. "
Hung Loong	Daung Ping Sze	641 Shanhaikwan Rd. "
Sing Tai	Koo mua Tsang	605 " " "
Zung Feng	Dzien Zung Kan	161 " " "
Woo Sing Lung	Dzung Kyi Lung	128/9 Taku Road. "
Ziang Hsing	Zee Yoh Gee	134/5 " " "
Yuen Zung Lee	Wong Sze Dee	809/10 " " "
Yuen Zung	Zee Tsai Daung	217 Chungking Road. "
Yuen Tai	Tsang Sau Yuan	599 " " "
Kong Hoo	Tsang Sau Yuan	582/4 " " "
Foh Zung	Kaung Zeu	671/2 S.Chengtu Road. "
San Mow	Dzung Tse Zeu	257/8 " " "
Wah Zung	Tsang Zeu Chi	461/2 Weihaiwei Road. "
Hsing Dah	Tea Zau Ling	399 " " "

Total 46.

Quantity of Rice in the Bubbling Well District on 30/6/21.

No of shop.	Road.	Shop name.	Ammount of rice. Piculs.
963	Markham	Tsung Tah.	5.
1031	"	Ching Zung.	0.
1039	"	Chu Sing.	2.
620	Carter.	Tsung Zung.	0.
539	Medhurst.	Yuen Foong.	0.
535.	"	Loong Fah.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
628	Sinza.	Ung Tah.	0.
1134	"	Ung Yih.	10.
1174	B'Well Rd.	Woo Tah.	2.
60	Siccawei.	Man Suen.	5.
53	"	Man Yuen.	5.
92	"	Yoong Mo.	3.
80	Annah.	Yuen Sung.	4.
232	"	Ung Yui.	2.
242	"	Doong Mo.	5.
237	"	Nyui Foong.	1.
8	"	Man Shing.	0.

Total. 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Piculs.

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Two of these have no stock.

Quantity of Rice In the Gordon Road District on 30/6/21.

Shop No.	Road.	Shop name	amount of rice piculs.
201	Ferry	Peu Nyi Tsung.	14
333	"	Ya Oo.	0
406.	"	Van Sung Jang.	2
416	"	Doong Zung .	10.
360	"	Van Sung Jang.	2
444	Robison .	Mau Tsung Woo.	0
286	"	Si Ling.	0.
443	"	Doong Tah..	1
365	"	<del>Yee</del> Foo Yuan.	3.
68	Macao	Tseng Dah	1
254	Tonquin.	Su ng Dah.	2
15	Connaught.	Doong Zang Oo.	0
512	"	Yoh Zung.	4
326	Penang	Yui Yuan.	3
100(Zi Heng Chomg)		Zi Heng Chong.	10.
330	Penang	Yoong Foong.	3.
57	"	Tong Dah.	2.
<del>202</del> 197	Iehang.	Heng Zang.	0
595	"	Dong Zang Ziang.	0
374	Markham.	Zee Heng Tai.	8.
770	"	<del>E</del> ng Tai Shing.	1.
47	Chao Da Kok.	Tsang Yung Yu	2
317	"	<del>E</del> ch Zang.	2
555	"	<del>E</del> ung Tai.	0
564.	"	Woo Shing Kee.	0.
495	"	Fooh Zang.	0
26	rice shops.		<u>86</u> piculs.

(26) <sup>Nine</sup> ~~of~~ these have no stock.

June 30th 1921.

List of rice shops in West Hongkew District and approximate stocks of rice at present in them.

North Soochow Road.

Hong No. 65 50 Piculs

No. 568-9 Nil.

No. 907-9 10 "

No. 916-7 10 "

North Fokien Road.

No. 611 20 "

No. 144-5 Nil.

No. 485 "

T. D. K. Loong.

No. 1-2 "

No. 665-6 "

No. 810-2 "

North Shanse Road.

No. 905 4 Piculs

No. 1105-6 4 "

No. 1401-2 Nil.

No. 1469-72 5 "

North Honan Road.

No. 498-9 6 Piculs

No. 655-6 22 "

N. Chekiang Road.

No. 2-4 2 "

No. 164 12 "

No. 1038 18 "

No. 336-8 34 "

No. 349-50 4 201 "

Haining Road.

No. 1968-72 18 Piculs.

No. 2255 5 "

No. 2270 8 "

No. 2293 4 "

No. 2702-4 Nil.

No. 2761-2 9 "

Tsepoo Road.

No. 306-7 3 "

No. 428-9 13 "

No. 733 1 Picul

No. 751-2 5 Piculs

Elgin Road.

No. 206a Nil

No. 479 "

No. 701-2 5 piculs.

No. 763-4 8 "

No. 289-90 Nil.  
Cunningham Road.

Kaifeng Road.

No. 12-3 2 Piculs

No. 339-40 7 "

S. D. K. Loong.

No. 351 Nil.

Jehol Road.

No. 264 "

Boone Road.

No. 1858 2 Piculs

1 Hong 50 piculs  
40 Rice shops 241 291 piculs ap  
13 shops without any stock.

# Shanghai Municipal Police.

WAYSIDE

Station.

June 192

## REPORT ON List of Rice Shops in Wayside District

Made by D.S. Quayle.

Forwarded by

Sir

I beg to attach herewith a list of the riceshops in this District.

261/2 E. Seward Road	200/01 Yuenfong Road
385/8 "	266/7 "
408/9 "	1/2 Wayside Road.
1285/6 "	102 "
1305/6 "	2 Dalny Road.
"	638 East Yuhang Road.
1539/70 "	1287/8 Singkeipang Road.
1579 "	4 Muirhead Road.
1736/7 "	225/8 Tongshan Road.
2449/50 "	716/7 Hwakee Road.
2469/70 "	912/3/4 Thorburn Road.
326/9 Broadway	1006/7 " "
683 "	1518 "
773 "	
807/8 "	
155/8 Yangtsepoo Road	There are no rice hongs in this District.
231/2 "	
701/2 "	
717/8 "	
1194 "	
1304/5/6 "	
1386/7 "	
1495/6 "	
110 Yuenfong Road	

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I am, Sir,

Yours Obediently,  
J. Quayle  
D.S.

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Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Yangtszepoo District.

Complete list of Rice Shops in Yangtszepoo Police District (including  
Ying Ziang Kong Village).

Please add in the  
margin the number  
of pieces of rice in  
each shop.

1009	Yangtszepoo Road East	"Jang Meu"	祥	茂
1025	" " "	"Jang Sung"	祥	順
1402/3	" " "	"Nyoen Foong"	流	豐
1406/7	" " "	"Oong Shing"	同	興
1792/3	" " "	"Tsing Chi"	俊	記
1911	" " "	"Yah Tsang"	協	昌
1915/6	" " "	"Wong Tsang Sung"	黃	盛
2517/8	" " "	"Zen Foong"	瑞	豐
2916/7	" " "	"Tsong Yeu Ta"	章	泰
2878/9	" " "	"Wong Yoong Shing"	永	興
2927/8	" " "	"Nan Nyoen"	南	元
2951/2	" " "	"Tsoong Sung"	松	春
* 3102/3	" " "	"Zen Yeu"	瑞	餘
* 3166/7	" " "	"Wen Foong"	萬	豐
3206/7	" " "	"Nyi Foong"	義	館
3319/4	" " "	"Yong Yui" No signboard name	公	記
653	" " West	"Yoong Nyi"	榮	盛
5/6	Thorburn Road	"Yah Sung"	協	昌
25/6	" "	"Zung Da Tsang"	大	興
562/3	Ward Road (Y.Z.Kong)	"Tsing Shing"	裕	裕
570/3	" "	"Yoong Yui"	永	星
664/5	" "	"Van Shing"	萬	元
730/1	" "	"Tsing Nyoen"	晋	大
761/8	" "	"Yeu Da"	裕	豐
854	" "	"Zen Foong"	瑞	大
857	" "	"Koong Da"	公	興
863	" "	"Tsing Shing"	晋	祖
915	" "	"Van Tsoong"	萬	豐
695/6	Lay Road	"Wong Nyi Foong"	王	義
719	" "	"Jeu Yuen" No signboard name.	義	泰
720/1	" "	"Tsung Ta"	正	大
1232	Rangoon Road	"Tsung Dah"	森	新
3/4	Wetmore Road	"Foh Sing Sing"	福	升
46/7	" "	"Doong Sung"	同	

\* Largest Shop in District.

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Geo. Johnson  
10 p.m.

List of rice shops in Harbin Rd district

Please add one letter  
beginning the name of  
people of rice in each  
shop. e.g. "A" in 1<sup>st</sup> line

Address	Name of rice shop	Name of proprietor
165 E. Kashing Road	Jing Shung	Koo Tsung
440 E. Kashing Road	Iyien Sung	Iuen Jun Sung
1253 E. Kashing Road	Toong Dan	Mlong Jok Sung
1342 E. Kashing Road	Iyien Dan	Mlong Jok Kien
1449 E. Kashing Road	Jien Dan	Taung Young Foo
171 E. Yale Road	Hyung Sung	Saung Jan Ngan
471 E. Yale Road	Iyien Loong	Djiem Kyung Loong
633 E. Yale Road	Dan Toong	Iiang Akyi Bing
438 E. Yale Road	Jung Dah	Djiem Jok Kien
654 Wuchow Road	Tok Iau	Dan Kyung
437 Wuchow Road	Thien Jok	Iuen Jung Jok
1408 Wuchow Road	Jang Jen	Ien Djan Zen
1448 Wuchow Road	Dzung Iien Koong	Djan Toh Ngan
101 E. Yuhang Road	Thau Man Joaung	Mloong Ang Sung
711 E. Yuhang Road	Dzung Hyung	Iiang Li Sung
1864. E Yuhang Road	Iyien Hyung	Yien Tuh Idai

P.S. There is no rice in any of the shops in Harbin.  
Road district.

List of rice shops in Harbin Road district contn:

Address	Name of rice shop	Name of proprietor
301 Deswell Road	Van Jen 萬 蘭	Djang Tsz. Djung 唐志興
903 Deswell Road	Iug Men 伍 芬	Mlong Ngoh Sung 王玉生
5 Hailar Road	Yong Tak 永 泰	Li Yang Ling 李 喜 順
347 Yenfong Road	Tuk Pak 拾 和	Djeng Tsz. Kung 任 森 煙
518 Chawfoong Road	Yeh Woo 瑞 大	Myung Sung Bing 周 雄 旺
1058 B Hanbury Road	Zen Dan 陳 丹	Zeen Yam Ding 陳 廉 順

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d.s.

List of rice shops in N. Szechuan Road district

Address	Name of rice shop 立 大	Name of proprietor 朱 江 長
959/60 N. Szechuan Rd	Lih Dah 祥 盛	Ien Jen Jung 范 元 長
708/9 N. Szechuan Rd	Jiang Zung 江 長	Lok Jen Jung 羅 小 長
5/6 N. Szechuan Rd	Geh Zung 葛 長	Lok Sian Dan 王 先 生
112 N. Szechuan Rd	Jui Zung 周 長	Mong Jen Jung 洪 中 長
718 N. Szechuan Rd	Van Shing 萬 明	Lok Loong Eu 法 中 厥
529/3 N. Szechuan Rd	Kuaung Wo 12 公 司	Lok Loong Eu 葛 林 乞
476/7 N. Szechuan Rd	Zung Tai Kung 永 廣	Khei Kiang Myeu 任 先 生
378/9 N. Szechuan Rd	Yoong Kaung 玉 盛	Inping Jen Zung 無 嘉 長
1298/9 N. Szechuan Rd	Zai Zung 在 長	Choong Chai Kwai

All these shops are abutting N. Szechuan Road but not under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Council

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P.S.

There is no rice in any of the shops in N. Szechuan Road district.

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D.S.